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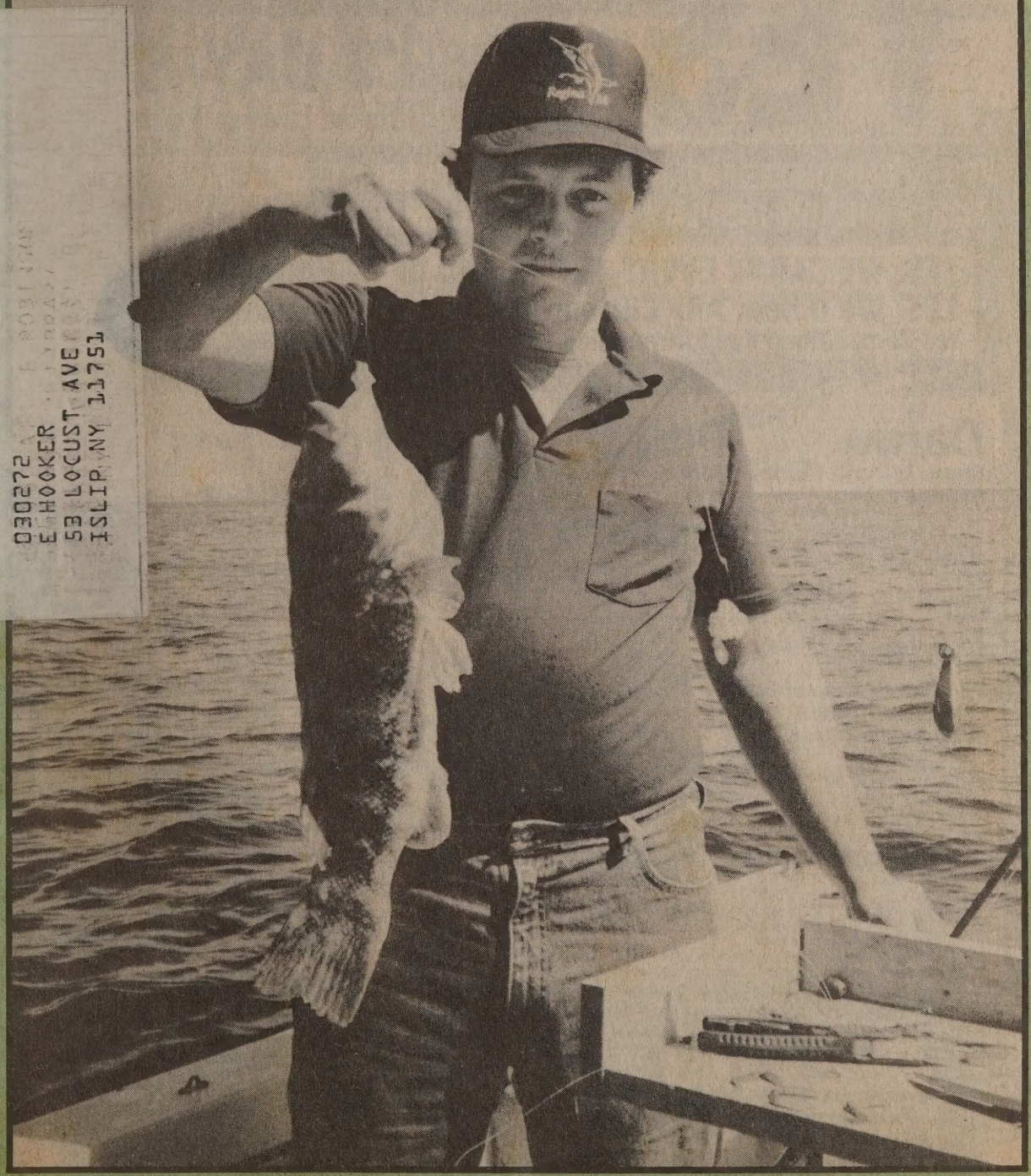

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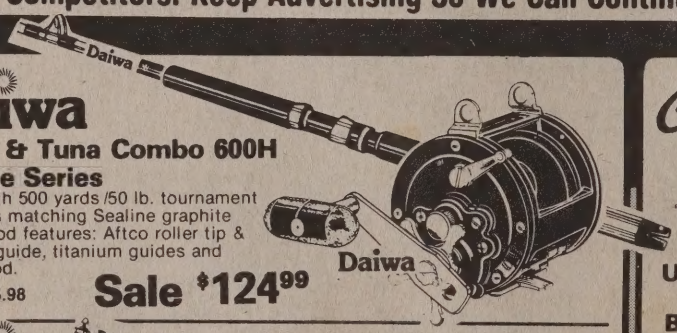

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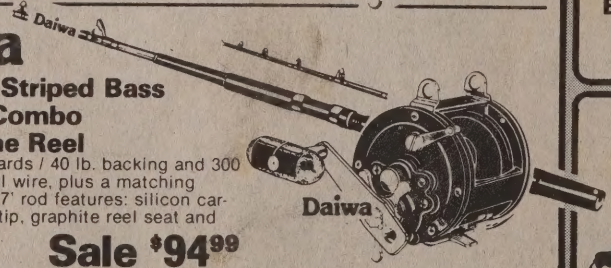

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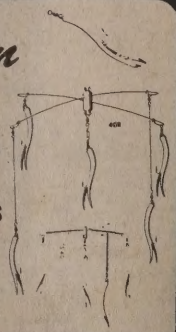

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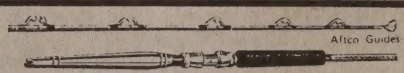

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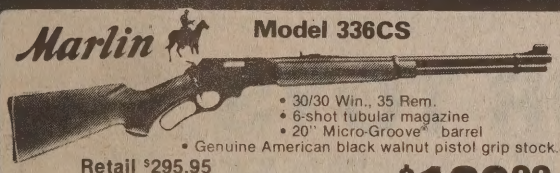

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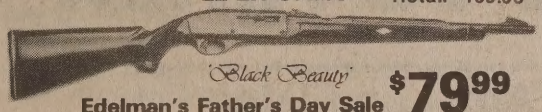

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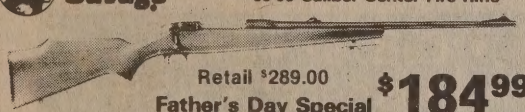

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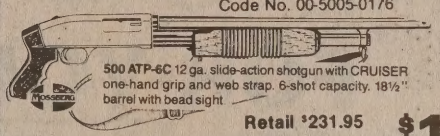

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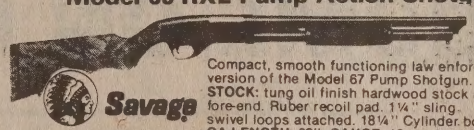

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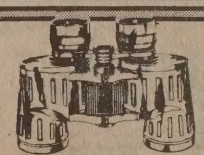

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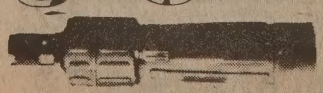

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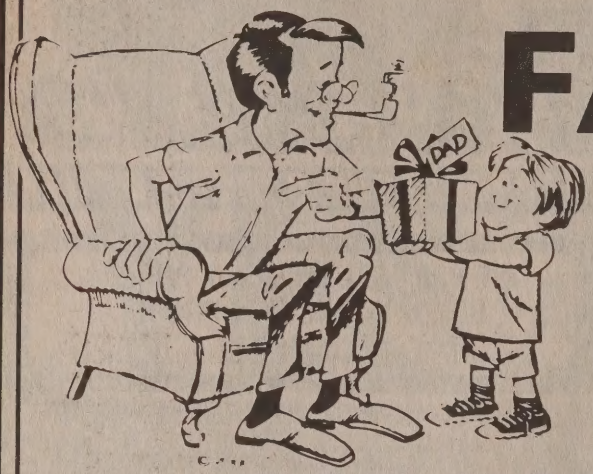

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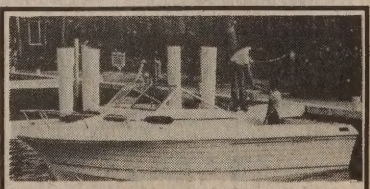

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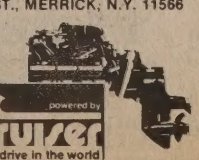

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EDITORIAL

NEW ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR GILGO

It has been awhile since we've reported to you on the workings of the Fishing Advisory Board (FAB). That's probably because for the most part things have been rolling along rather well. The checkpoint system at the park entrances at night has reduced vandalism, we continue to analyze and review permits carefully, the Caumsett Lottery went off like clockwork, procedures for beach vehicle permits and access have been fine tuned, and recently a good deal of data was brought into the daylight concerning use of the parking lot at Montauk's lighthouse. The net result of that study was to pinpoint the cause of a minor problem and solidify access to the area for surf fishermen.

These are the results of recent meetings which continue to be routine. However, there has been some news on the access front that will be of interest to those with state beach vehicle permits.

As most of you know, erosion at Gilgo hs been a problem for some years now. The Long Island State Park Commission and the FAB have had a meeting of the minds on this point for some years; namely, that when the beach is narrow, beach buggy access should be prohibited. On the other hand, as soon as Mother Nature puts scme sand back, the beach should and will be opened.

For sometime now, the Parks Commission and the FAB have been exploring options for making alternatives available in order to provide access to the area. Many concerns had to be addressed, including proper procedural and physical controls on entry, police surveillance, and other logistics. On Thursday, May 22nd, the Park Commission and the FAB met to discuss this issue and others, again. We invited Bill Miller (UMS) and Bob Lucchesi (LIBBA) to attend as guests. They explained the results of some meetings they have had with concerned people and officials.

A discussion of several hours followed in which data and points of view were explained calmly, and patiently. In spite of the potential emotional nature of our discussions, Commission personnel and the FAB worked together productively and without rancor. It was clear that both sides were cognizant of the other's concerns, problems, and points of view, and were careful not to become argumentative. The FAB and the Commission have agreed that an adversarial approach is unproductive. The people at these meetings come from different traditions and walks of life and thus it is important to remember that the other guy's perceptions and opinions may differ from your own. This type of mutual respect has paid off in big dividends for both the Commission and surf fishermen.

The decision on Gilgo represents one fruit from this tree of cooperation and mutual regard. An area will be set aside near the old Coast Guard Station where beach vehicles will enter Gilgo Beach when it is open. Access will be confined to State Beach Vehicle permit holders only. Physical access will be controlled via a special fence made of poles and chain. Access to State Beach at Gilgo will be made through this portal when the width of the beach can sustain the presence of vehicles. When erosion causes the closure of the beach, a portal in the fence will be closed and locked, restricting access to the rest of the state beach. However, beach vehicles with permits will be allowed to park in the area bounded by the poles and chain, thus permitting access on foot to the State Beach. This alternate access becomes available after Labor Day.

This flex-access approach is typical of how reasonable alternatives can be worked out among reasonable people. Some access to the important Gilgo area will be virtually continuously available now.

The Fisherman wishes to compliment Commission personnel present at the May 22nd meeting for the excellent manner in which the meeting was conducted. Likewise, thanks to Regional Director, John Sheridan for his continuing commitment to providing maximum services for fishermen.

The Fisherman also wishes to compliment FAB members who have developed a tradition of hard work and a willingness to gather facts and data in preparation for our meetings.

The Fisherman hopes that many surf fishermen with proper permits get to enjoy this access. One last reminder. This project is experimental at this point. It will be reviewed once it has been operational for awhile. We don't have to remind fishermen that all access in today's world is a privilege, not a right in and of itself. Thus, we have a responsibility to use this access properly. Please be sure to show your permit at all times. Please respect the fence boundaries. Please park only in designated areas. Please do not leave trash on the beach or in the parking area. Please report immediately any unauthorized activities to the Park Police.

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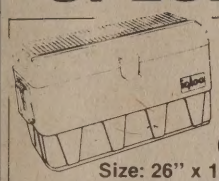

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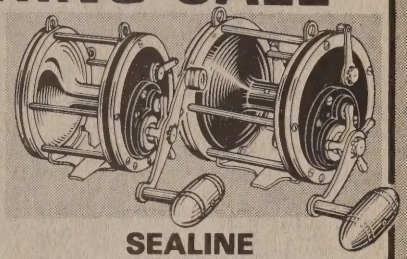

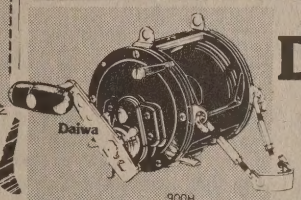

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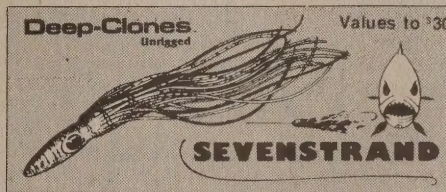

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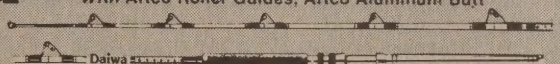

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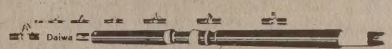

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The Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo, a feature event for Metropolitan anglers each of the last two years, has been postponed due to conflicts with the heavy schedule of events surrounding Op Sail this year. Jesse York, chairman of the rodeo during its first two years, says that he regrets postponing an event which so many anglers were looking forward to, but promises that it will be back bigger and better than ever next year. The second annual Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo in 1985 provided over $50,000 in cash and prizes to anglers fishing for just about every species of game fish present in Metropolitan waters from Fire Island Inlet to Manasquan Inlet during the last weekend in June.

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR COMMENTS ON BASS BAN

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams announced that the public has until June 20 to submit written comments on emergency regulations which prohibit the sale and possession of striped bass in New York.

"The DEC has already received considerable public comment concerning the new emergency regulations," Williams said. "We want to provide everyone affected or having an interest in striped bass an opportunity to comment before final regulations are filed," he said.

The prohibition of commercial harvest and sale of striped bass was necessitated by findings reported late last month that striped bass caught in New York waters are contaminated with PCBs in excess of the Food and Drug Administration tolerance of 2ppm. The emergency regulations also prohibit possession of striped bass by recreational fishermen in order to ensure the ban on sale can be effectively enforced and to maximum conservation of the severely depleted Chesapeake stock. Both recreational anglers and commercial fishermen are required to return any striped bass caught back to the water immediately.

Williams said that the DEC will be cooperating with the State Departments of Health and Agriculture and Markets to inform affected seafood markets and restaurants throughout the state of this new ruling and to enforce the new regulations. Williams noted that similar cooperation among the departments has been invaluable in enforcing shellfish regulations.

The emergency regulations became effective on May 8, 1986. The Department of Environmental Conservation conducted public meetings on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley to discuss alternative regulations for the sport fishery. Although the prohibition on commercial fishing for striped bass is not likely to be changed, alternatives to the possession ban on recreational angling will be carefully considered. Comments in support or opposition to the current emergency regulations should be sent to DEC before June 20. Final regulations will be filed soon thereafter.

Written comments should be sent to: Division of Marine Resources, NYSDEC, Bldg. 40, SUNY, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

CAPT. IRV LEVINE'S WELL KNOWN CAPTAIN'S COURSE CELEBRATING TWELFTH YEAR

Captain Irv Levine of Oakdale, (516) 589-8204, who is celebrating his 12th successful year of teaching the Captains Course is giving a free gift of a Solar Calculator to all new students who sign up between June and December, 1986. Says Irv, "My students have always received their study material to keep and now the calculator will be included. I am also going to hold my price of $180 for the balance of 1986."

Captain Irv is now in the process of completing a new book "Modern Mariners Manual Part II" which will be used in conjunction with "Modern Mariners Manual Part I." It will be packed with theory and illustrations to help make learning easier.

MCA AND THE N.Y. SPORT FISHING FEDERATION URGE SUPPORT FOR BASS LIMIT

The Montauk Captains Association and the New York Sport Fishing Federation urgently request that the general fishing public send post cards to the Governor supporting the stand in opposition to the striped bass moratorium.

The East End press reports that the commercial groups want the moratorium (so as to prevent a recreational catch) and that the governor supports them. The recreational groups have not had any meetings with the Governor's office at this time, even though we have requested them repeatedly. It is the MCA position that this closure is a political "slap in the face" to the sport fisherman and we will do all in our power to prevent the permanent closure of the striped bass fishery. We want a minimum one fish per day bag limit with a no-sale provision. These proposals present no health hazard according to the DEC (provided the fish are prepared properly).

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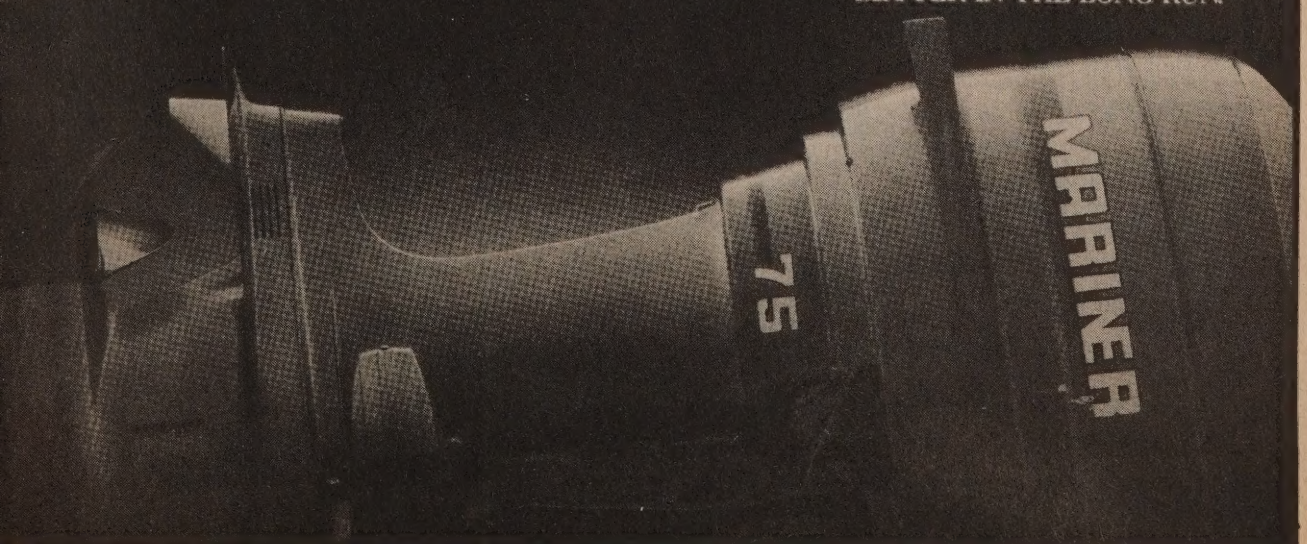

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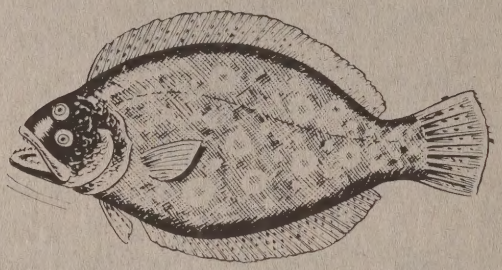

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Send letters and post cards to: Honorable Mario M. Cuomo, State Capital, Executive Chamber, Albany, New York 12224.

FOR FATHER'S DAY: ME AND MY DAD
by Jody O'Callaghan

You taught me about the fish in the Sound
Some feeding on the surface and some on the ground
First teaching me how to hold the rod
Then fishing for flounder, bass and cod.

Time has passed and you're all alone
Mary's so busy and my kids are all grown
I got to thinking, if you've got nothing to do
Let's go out Sunday—just me and you

You're still the captain and I'm still first mate
So I'll go at low tide and dig for the bait
Don't think about food, I'll find something to fix
And I'll meet you at the 'old spot'—exactly at six

The sun's going down and the day's almost done
We'll go into town and weigh them for fun
Oh boy, what a catch, I'm feeling so glad
'Cause there's no better match than You and Me, Dad!

DOWNEY HAS HAND IN RELIGHTING THE LIGHT

The Fire Island Lighthouse is once again a beacon for Long Island residents and boaters in the Great South Bay area. After 12 years of darkness, this historic site is again a piloting aid and a symbol of protection for those on and off the water.

When the switch was thrown to re-kindle the lighthouse, it was a proud moment for me. The Lighthouse had welcomed many immigrants, including my own grandmother, to the shores of America. When I secured $2 million in Federal funding for the restoration of the lighthouse, I did it in memory of those who, for 116 years, had been guided by its light.

The restoration happened as a result of the efforts of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society. This group was responsible for raising $1.2 million from 4,000 donors to refurbish the structure.

The visitors' center is now open and most of the site is available for exploration, but the stair which will allow visitors to climb the 189 steps to the top of the lighthouse have not yet been repaired. $230,000 is still needed to keep the restoration of the lighthouse tower on schedule. If you

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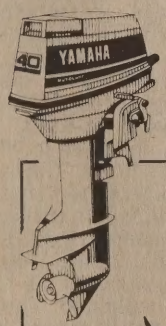

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ATLANTIS ANGLERS JUNE 24TH MEETING

Will feature guest speakers Byron Young and Kim McKowan. They are both from New York State Conservation Department. They plan to talk about the status of fluke and weakfish. Also some talk about a tagging program.

Any fishing persons wanting to join a club are welcome. For more information call: Jay Ebbets, (516) 766-4381 or Ralph Horowitz, (516) 889-0931 after 7PM.

HUDSON STRIPER TAGGING PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE DESPITE BAN ON POSSESSION

The Hudson River striped bass tagging program will continue despite a ban on the possession of striped bass in New York State announced by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on May 6th. This ban, although it prohibits fishermen from keeping striped bass in New York State waters, still allows recreational catch and release fishing for this species. The HRF urges anglers who catch striped bass to check them for tags and return Hudson River Foundation tags to the address printed on them. Returning an HRF tag is legal and does not indicate or imply that the striped bass on which it was found was kept.

Internal anchor tags were attached to over 21,000 striped bass during the winter of 1985 and and the spring of 1986. The visible portions of these tags are yellow, vinyl tubes that bear the messages 'Reward $5-$1000' or 'Reward $10-$1000', and 'Mail to HRF Box 1731 GCS NY NY 10163.' The tags are found on the belly of the fish just in front of the anal fin, where the tag's small plastic tab is inserted through a slit in the abdominal cavity. These tags do not readily pull out of the fish in which they are implanted. Therefore, when a tagged fish is caught, the tag should be *carefully cut off*, as close to the fish as possible.

Stripers, 8 inches on length on upwards, were tagged and released into New York Harbor, the East and Harlem Rivers, and the Hudson River between Manhattan and Croton, NY. Many fishermen have already returned striped bass tags and received the minimum reward printed on them, eikther $5 or $10. Along with this reward, all fishermen returning tags are sent a questionnaire asking for the date and location of capture, the size of the fish, and the condition of the tag insertion site. When the completed questionnaire is received by the HRF, the fisherman is entered into the yearly drawing for nine rewards ranging from $100 to $1000.

The tagging study will allow fishery

scientists to learn more about Hudson River striped bass movements and population dynamics. This information is distributed annually to scientists and the general public by the Hudson River Foundation. By cutting off and returning tags from striped bass they catch, fishermen will be able to earn rewards and contribute to striped bass research at the same time.

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ANGLING TOURNAMENT AT DEEP SEA

Deep Sea, the sport fishing marina facility at Star Island in Montauk, will conduct a unique season-long master angling tournament from July 1st through August 30th. Competition is for the three biggest fish in each of the game fish categories: billfish, tuna and mako shark. Eligibility requirements are that participating boats must dock at Deep Sea. Competitions will be for men and women and for boys and girls under 13 years of age, it was announced here today by Guy LaMotta, president of the facility.

All major species of inshore game fish as well as popular bottom fish will be included in the master derby with a series of commemorative plaques for winners in all categories along with tackle and marine equipment prizes.

A "Deep Sea Grand Slam" award—free docka ge for a two week period—will go to any angler who sets a world's record for any of these species. A special award will be awarded to the angler taking the biggest shark of any species other than mako and an "Annual Outstanding Achievement Award" will be determined and presented by the tournament's board of directors. Judging will be under the auspices of the board and all participants will be asked to fly the Deep Sea burgee.

The tournament will function according to, and in conformance with, Internatonal Game Fish Association regulations, including terminal tackle requirements. No entry fees will be required, but eligibility will require that boats wishing to enter will have had at least a five day stay at a Deep Sea slip.

LaMotta said that the only official weigh-in station will be at Deep Sea and that bulletins, regulation scales,

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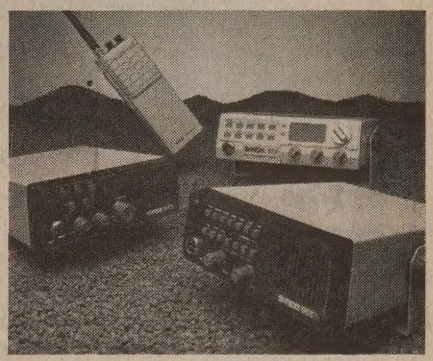

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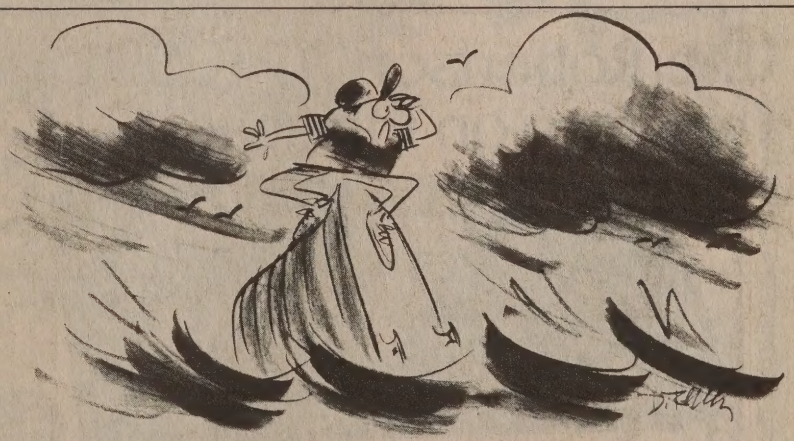

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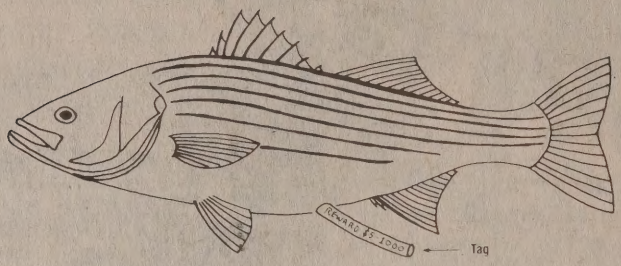

The Hudson River Foundation (HRF) is participating in a multi-year study of Hudson River striped bass population biology. You can help in this study by returning tags from striped bass you catch, and the HRF will pay for your assistance. If you catch a tagged striped bass, whether you intend to keep it* or release it, carefully cut off the tag where it passes through the fish's skin. When you return a tag, the HRF will send you the minimum reward printed on the tag ($5) and a questionnaire that asks for the date, location and method of capture, the fish's length, and the condition of the tag insertion site. Upon completion and return of the questionnaire, your tag number will be entered into a drawing to be held in February. Nine tag numbers will be randomly selected. The HRF will award $100 per tag to the first five fishermen whose numbers are drawn, $500 per tag to the next two fishermen whose numbers are drawn, and $1000 per tag to the last two fishermen whose numbers are drawn. Each tag you submit will be eligible for a reward.

*Contact your state health department if you have questions concerning the advisibility of eating striped bass

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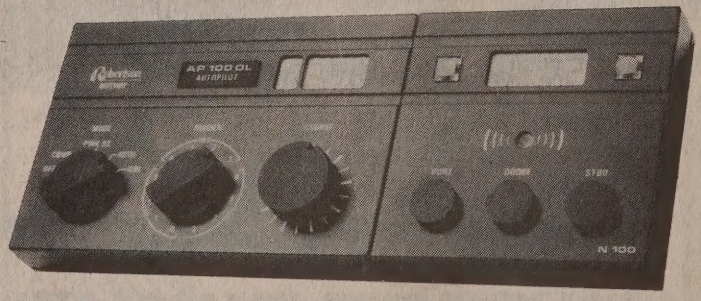

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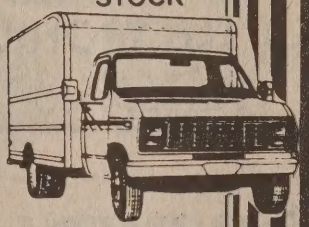

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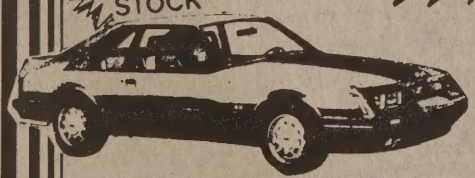

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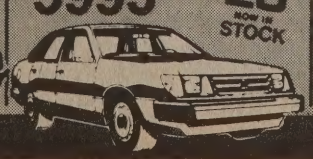

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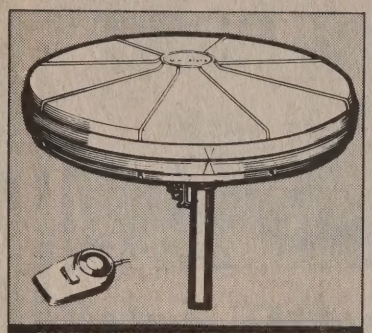

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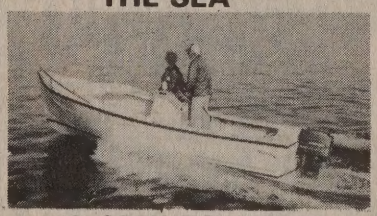

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FISHER MARINE SV-16 DLX

by Jim White & John Jollie

This past fall, John and I got invited back to Lake George to do some fall smallmouth bass fishing by a very close friend of ours, Chuck Cole of Queensbury, N.Y., whom we hadn't seen since our Army days.

After reminiscing about old times over a few beers that first evening, we set out bright and early in Chuck's brand new Fisher Marine SV-16. We were so impressed with his new boat that we thought we would share it with Fisherman readers.

We wrote to Fisher and found out that they also offer two larger boats in the 18 foot class. One is a Center Console and the other a Side Console, both with semi-vee hulls. These two larger craft come with electric-fill live wells, up to four fishing chairs, plenty of storage compartments and rod lockers that an average fisherman could ever use in a day.

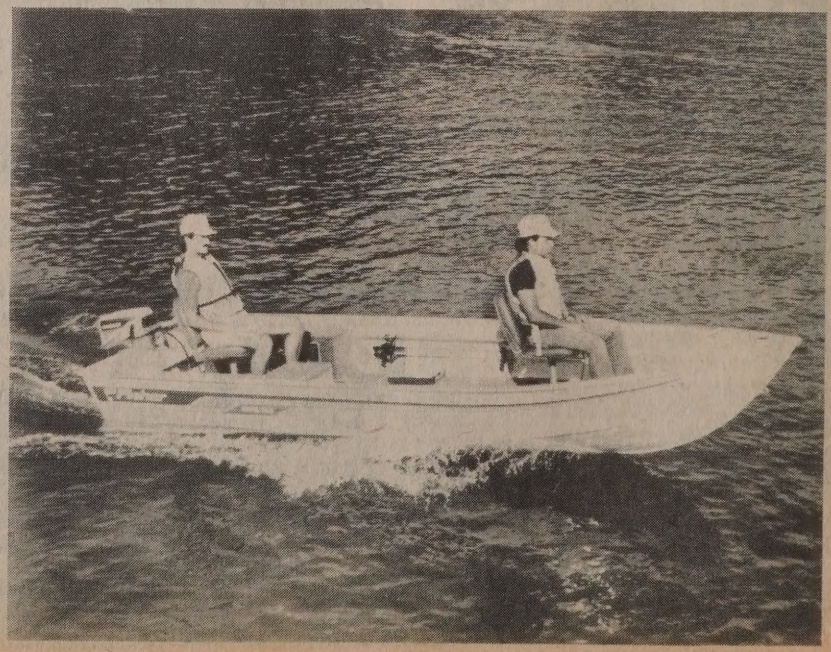
The SV-16 is a little smaller but loaded with just as many feathers and comforts as its bigger counterpart. This 16 footer has everything a small boa fisherman could ask for.

We were especially impressed with its ride in rough water. And if you've never seen Lake George when the wind blows, make no mistake, the Big G can get really nasty. With three people in it on the return trip, she cut right through a two foot chop we had to head into to return to the launch point. At no time did we feel threatened by the boat's stability or performance. With the 35 hp Mercury Tiller Steering she had on her transom, she moved us right along without hesitation.

Fisher's exclusive Wave-Tamer SV hull design with 30 degrees of upfront deadrise, cuts a sea down to size for a smooth, dry ride. Tough unit frame welded construction strengthens hull integrity for more durability and longer life. So there are no rivets to worry about a few years down the line coming loose or leaking.

While casting the shoreline dropoffs and structure, the boat responded quickly to changes of trolling motor speeds and tight maneuvering. The 25 lbs. thrust Min Kota was more than enough power to move us in and around just about anywhere we took it.

The SV-16 is a full 16 feet in length



and sports a 67 inch beam and a depth of 35.75 inches which made the boat very stable to sudden movements of the fishermen inside and the high sides provided a feeling of safety and something to lean on while netting fish or to grab onto in rough and choppy weather. There's nothing worse in our opinion, than a boat you feel like you're going to fall out of at any moment.

There's plenty of dry storage and room in the rear to mount small size downriggers. Chuck had installed a pair of Cannon Mini Mag electric downriggers for lake trout fishing. Along with a pair of Fish On side mounted rod holders he was ready for almost anything.

The electrically filled livewells were more than adequate to keep 6 or 7 good size bass alive all day or enough bait for a full day's fishing. That feature we really liked; just flip a switch and fill the tank, no muss, no fuss.

Up front in the bow there's an under-bow storage compartment with enough room for anchor rope, anchor and a few other things you'd normally like to have out of the way.

The floor is fully marine carpeted over an all aluminum liner, which deadens the noise which might be caused by dropping tackle or other equipment.

One point we'd like to make here if you're a saltwater fisherman. The way this boat handles in rough water you might like to consider it as a bay or coastal boat and if you fish freshwater also as we do, you almost have two boats in one. With its well thought out interior, you'd only be limited by your own imagination on what else could be done to it for use in coastal situations.

Sitting in the very comfortable seats, we couldn't help thinking just how nice it would be to be sitting back like that jigging for fluke or sinker bouncing for some tautog. Fishing like that I could do all day.

One nice feature about aluminum that many fishermen are discovering is that aluminum is light and a lot more fuel efficient from smaller engines. You can still have big water performance, with much easier trailering and launching.

The SV-16 DLX is rated for a maximum horsepower of 40; other optional equipment on both of the DLX models include a remote steering console and windshield and a helm seat.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length	16'
Beam	67"
Depth	35.75"
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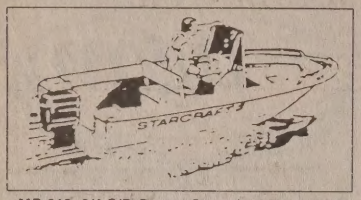
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★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

PENN 940 LEVELMATIC

by Russ Wilson

The Penn Levelmatics have been around for a number of years and have gained a reputation for their ruggedness, ease of use and long lasting qualities. There are three reels in the Levematic series: the 920, 930 and 940. And although each is similar, applications differ dramatically.

We've used the heavy duty 940 for a variety of inshore fishing situations and feel it is one of the strongest conventional type reels made for saltwater usage. The 930 is basically the same, except it has a single knob handle while the 940 has a double knob. The 920 is similar but has a narrow frame.

Each of the Levelmatics offer a free spool clutch, level wind, star drag system and a braking system that is designed to control the line so there is less chance of backlashing.

The advantages of a free spool clutch are rather obvious. When drift fishing for fluke, weakfish or blues you can leave the reel in free spool, with the click on, so line plays off the spool without pressure that could frighten fish. When the fish has the bait you simply turn the reel handle to

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On the Levelmatics, the free spool clutch is located on the upper part of the right side plate. By pushing the lever forward you disengage the gears and the reel is then in free spool position. To re-engage the gears you simply turn the reel handle.

The gold anodized finish of the Levelmatics give the reels a very high quality appearance and it carries through the inner construction of the reel as well. I've put thousands of hours on one of my 940 models and the only hitch was a worn level wind gear that had to be replaced at modest cost.

The click mechanism is extremely handy when drift fishing and using one rod as a "dead stick." I normally place the 940 in free spool, engage the clicker and put the rod in a gunnel holder so I can use a second rod to work lures or baits while allowing the dead stick to do its job.

All three reels have sealed stainless steel ball bearings, stainlesss steel pinion gear and solid brass main gear. The gold anodized aluminum spool and side plates are chrome plated, all weather exterior parts make these reels resistant to corrosion and abuse.

Each reel has a gear ratio of 4-1, a happy medium between fast and slow retrieve. Reels with very fast ratios are often difficult to use for bottom fishing or when working slow running plugs such as a striped bass fisherman might use working the beach or jetties at night. The ratio is, howeever, fast enough to make the reels very effective when speed squidding with diamond jigs for blues.

The handle is heavily chrome plated and the handle knobs are made of a tough plastic that cannot break. The large size of the handle knobs make the handle easy to grab onto while trolling, jigging or casting.

Penn Levelmatics are ideal for varied fresh and salt water use. The company recommends using line tests of 8 to 20 lb. on the 920, 930 and 940 models and claims they can be used for everything from largemouth bass to muskellunge in freshwater and for flounder to striped bass in the salt.

We have no reason to doubt their claim since we've used the reels extensively when fishing the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts when drift fishing, light tackle trolling, with the downriggers and when bucktailing for blues and bonito in a chum slick.

The 940 has a line capacity of 225 yards of 12 lb. test monofilament; the 930 will take 225 yards of 12 lb. test, and the 920 will hold 175 yards of 12 lb. test.

The 940 weighs 11.5 ounces; the 930 is also 11.5 ounces and the 920 weighs 11 ounces.

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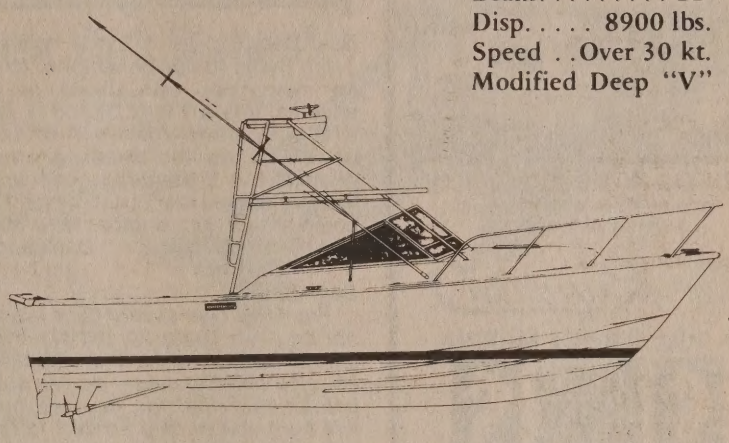

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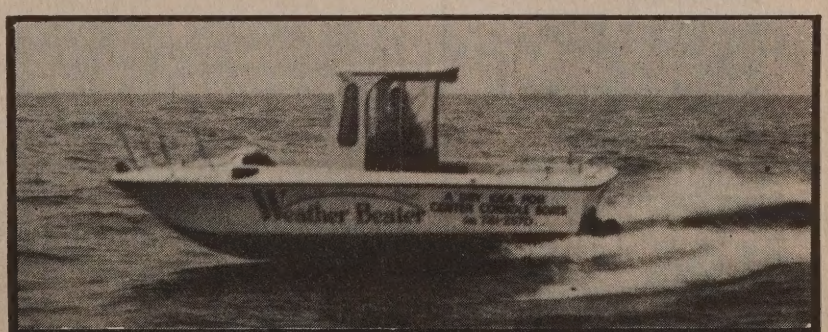

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I'm trying to decide whether to buy my new boat with diesel or gas engines. It is a Topaz 29 and is available with either Volvo gas or diesel power. I know the diesels are more reliable, but if anything goes wrong I'm afraid that I can't fix it myself like I could with a gas engine. How about fuel consumption? *Don Jacobs.*

Dear Don,

From our own experiences running not only the Topaz 29, but also other similar boats like the Blackfins, Phoenix and Rampage, we can safely predict that the gas engined boats will burn somewhere around 18 to 22 gallons per hour while running at top cruise speed; 6 to 10 while trolling. The Volvo diesels will burn about 11 to 14 at top cruise, 4 to 6 at trolling speeds. On an 8 hour day of trolling bluefish that would work out to a total estimated fuel consumption of 72 gallons for the gas boat; 46 gallons for the diesel.

Diesels are so reliable they rarely require major service and Volvos are known for a good back-up network of servicing dealers; but you are right in that some work is beyond the abilities of the backyard or dockside mechanic.

Many people feel much safer with the diesels because of the near impossibility of a fire with diesel fuel. On the negative side, if you don't use your boat frequently, diesel fuel can breed mold in the tank and lines eventually clogging the fuel system. Additives take care of this.

It's a dilemma that many boaters face. Gas engines are less costly at initial purchase, but most more in fuel. They are easier to work on. Diesels are more costly at purchase, but hold their value better and run on far less fuel.

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Dear Doc,

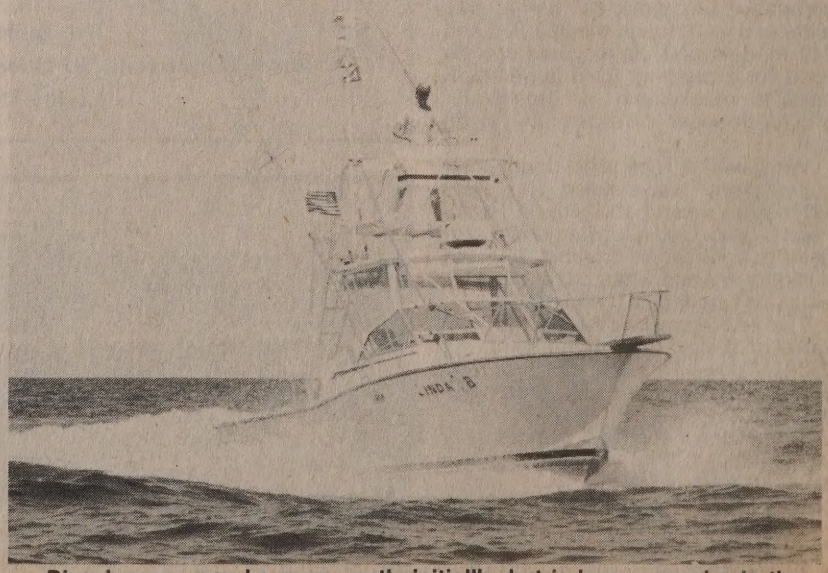
You wrote an article on Jan. 9, 1986. You said to use bunker oil.

I've asked a few people and no one knew about bunker oil. Can you explain this more clearly. Where can I get bunker oil for scent?

Donald T. Peters.

Dear Don,

A lot of area bait and tackle shops,



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The oil can be purchased in various amounts from only a few ounces to a gallon or more.

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Dear Doc,

I recently purchased a Penn 990 Power magnetic casting reel. I am planning to build a surf rod to match this reel. Can you give me some suggestions for a blank. I need something that will handle 6 to 8 ounces of lead. I fish off the Outer Banks for blues and drum. I prefer a one-piece, with guide spacing and whatever other help you might offer.

Lou Knoerzer.

Dear Lou,

Rather than give you a list of probable blanks, approximate guide spacing recommendations, reel seat specs and other general info, I am going to refer you to one of the rod builders who specializes in Outer Banks tackle. If you care to write to: Mr. Bill McGaskill, c/o Whalebone Tackle, Rt. 1, Box 1044, Nags Head, NC 27959, you should get exact info on building a rod for the type of fishing you plan to do with that brand new 990 Magnetic Reel.

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Dear Doc,

Will you please show me how to knit a crab net? I had two 100 percent acrylic crab nets made and they have lasted two years and nothing has happened to them. The ones you buy in the stores only last one year.

I enjoy reading your stories about fishing. I was born and raised in the Meadowlands by my father in 1969. I started to crab off of bridges last year; up until that time I fished.

Denman Moore.

Dear Denman,

It has been a long time since we've had a request from a subscriber asking for information on how to make their own crab nets. Back when we grew up it was common for every crabber and netter to weave his own nets and there were hundreds of places where you could purchase the necessary shuttles and twine for repairing or weaving new nets. Today, there are only a few left and of those, most are mail order houses (specialty) that cater to the commercial fishermen and crabbers.

Your best bet is to contact Netcraft Co. at 2800 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, OH 43613.

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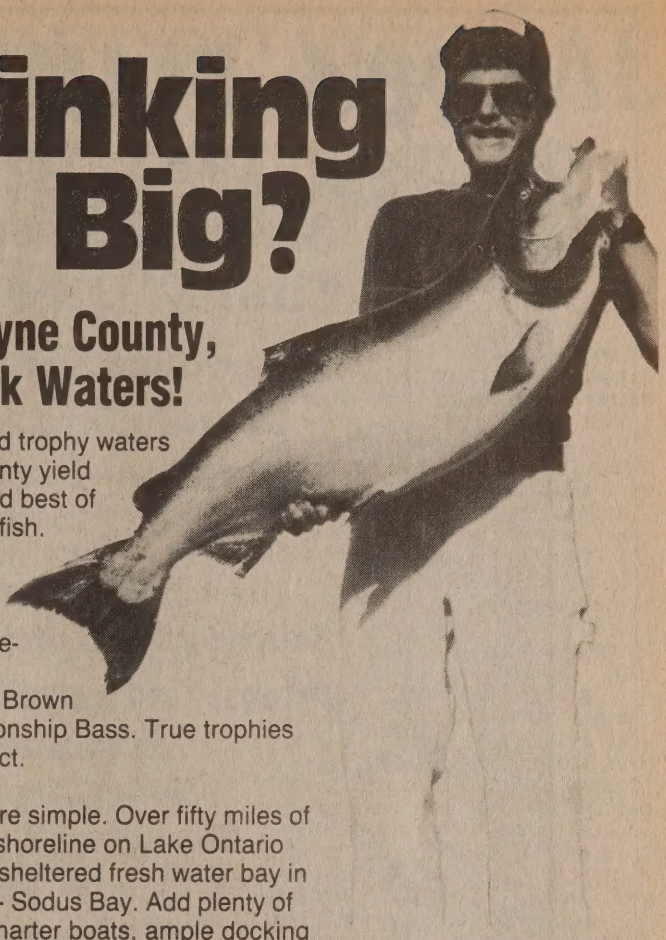

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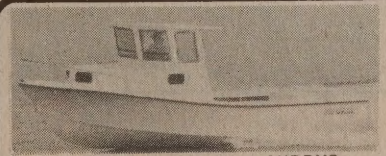

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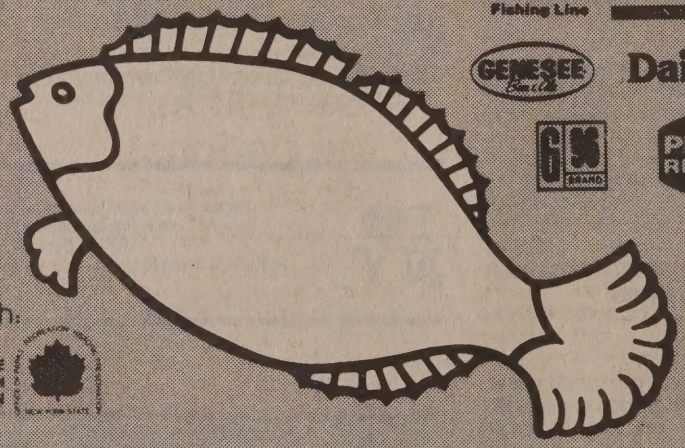

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Sport Fishing Institute

The President's Commission on Americans Outdoors, created in January by Executive Order, and chaired by Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, recently conducted hearings on the future of outdoor recreation in America. The 15 commission members represent a broad spectrum of environmental and recreational interests.

The Commission has been directed by Governor Alexander to research two basic questions:

1. What will Americans want to do outdoors over the next generation?

2. How can the public and private sectors ensure that there will be appropriate places to do it?

The following article was excerpted from SFI testimony given to the President's Commission this past spring.

The objectives of this statement are to present an overview of the national demand for, and the economic importance of, sport fishing nationally. Also, "new ideas" for management are presented as recommendations for policy direction.

The 1985 Leisure Audit, conducted by the Gallup Poll, determined that sport fishing was the second most popular national recreation activity among adults in the United States. Approximately 34 percent of all adults sport fished at least once in 1985. The popularity of sport fishing was second only to swimming (41 percent) and was followed by bicycling (33 percent). The Poll found that sport fishing was the favored leisure activity among adult men with 44 percent participating, and ranked fifth among adult women with a 24 percent participation rate. The long-term trend has been that sport fishing has been ranked in the top three most popular recreational activities in Gallup audits in the last several decades.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Survey Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation has been conducted every five years since 1955. The 1985 survey is currently under way. The 1980 survey reported that there were 42.1 million adult sport fishermen over age 16 and an additional 11.8 million sport fishermen in the 6-15 age group for a total of 53.9 million participants. Adult sport fishermen took a total of three-quarters of a billion sport fishing trips and spent approximately $17.3 billion to do so. Inflating the total expenditures to 1985 dollars and allowing for the increasing trend in participation as reported in the 1980 and previous surveys, results in the prediction that in 1985, sport fishermen spent approximately $25 billion to go sport fishing.

A recent SFI study determined the further economic effects on the national economy related to retail expenditures for sport fishing. Using multipliers from that publication, the total direct and indirect effects of the $25 billion in sport fishing expenditures on the national economy are about $50 billion in output and 600,000 person-years of employment. These jobs translate closer to one million people employed since many of the jobs in the sport fishing industry are part time.

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To sum up the national perspective, sport fishing is a very popular activity. People spend a great deal of money to participate in the sport and these expenditures result in as many as one million employed people.

However, the future expansion of sport fishing is not as bright as these historical statistics would suggest. Over the 20 years prior to 1975, the number of anglers increased at over three times the annual rate experienced by the population as a whole. Since 1975, the rate of annual increase in the number of anglers has barely kept pace with the increase in population. This precipitous decline in the rate of angling participation growth is attributed in large measure to the slow growth of the fishery resource since 1975. In spite of the notable decline in rate of growth, fishing remains one of America's top three participatory leisure pursuits.

What is is that attracts so many Americans to sport fishing? The American public selects fishing as a favorite form of recreational pursuit for a number of reasons. According to surveys of socio-economic aspects of marine recreational fishing, "fish-associated" objectives such as "to catch fish" dominated the reasons offered for their participation in sport fishing. Furthermore, the factor most commonly associated with anglers' trip "satisfactions" was the number of fish caught. For certain, a wide array of "satisfactions" are inherent in a successful fishing trip, in addition to catching fish for fun or food. This multiplicity of satisfactions is no less true for other outdoor recreational pursuits such as camping or swimming. The one distinct difference, or specialty, which distinguishes fishing from other water-associated recreational activities is the fact, or the expectation, of catching fish.

As a consequence, recreational fishing is fully reliant upon an abundance of diverse and attractive fishing resources, readily available to a knowledgeable American public. The fishery resource is the one necessary requirement that all fishermen share in common. The protection, development and management responsibilities for the vulnerable fishery resource base that sustains America's second favorite leisure activity, and a major business community, are split among several jurisdictions.

Governmental management agencies are responsible for the husbandry of our nation's common property fishery resources, and it is upon their dedicated efforts that both the nation's sport fishing industry and the angling public ultimately depend. Limited opportunities exist for the direct investment by private interests in common property fishery resource development. Yet, successful and rewarding sport fishing excursions do not just happen in today's world of conflicting resource use and high intensity demand. Viable sport fisheries of desirable species are dependent upon the professional agencies that

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create and perpetuate most inland resources and manage most other fisheries.

User-fees, either in the form of direct licensing or earmarked taxation programs have supported the vast majority of fishery development undertaken by state government. Sport fishermen benefit directly from the investment of their user-pay programs. In addition, fishery development programs provide benefits to a much broader segment of society. Fishery management programs result in aesthetic improvement and access to the aquatic resource that benefit the business community and non-fishermen alike. It is reasonable to assume that a share of fishery management budgets should be derived from general taxation so that all who benefit help pay.

As has already been noted, the prime ingredient for sustaining and expanding recreational fishing, is fish. As a nation, we must make the best use of our collective fisheries. Best use, or optimum yield from any common property resource, must consider a mix of societal benefits. As a society, our record of managing common property wildlife resources (inland fisheries, as well as terrestrial and migratory wildlife stocks), clearly reflects a history of setting these resources aside for recreational harvesting. Although exploited by market hunters for a significant portion of our history, no common property wildlife stocks, and few resident fishery stocks, continue to legally enter commercial markets today. Such historical decisions to maximize benefits from these natural resources were undoubtedly difficult, but are now commonly accepted.

Most marine fish species are shared stocks, harvested by both commercial and recreational fishermen. Also, nationally recreational catch of many species exceeds the commercial harvest. The National Marine Fisheries Service (1984) estimated a sport catch of 70 million pounds in 1980, which was approximately 50 percent of the total U.S. finfish harvest used for food.

Increasing demands are placed on coastal resources as the population increases along the coast. More than 50 percent of the U.S. population lived in the coastal zone in 1980 and by 1990, this will increase to 75 percent. Fishery resource conflicts of the coastal zone are typically due to population pressures and competition among different user groups.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that marine resource administrators must carefully identify the full range of benefits from the common property fishery resource. Indeed, examination of the recent record of marine resource management decisions, reflects a growing awareness of the complex of social, economic and ecological considerations necessitated in determining optimum yield. However, progress toward inclusion of the concept of optimum yield in policy formation is moving too slowly to address immediate needs.

The Sport Fishing Institute maintains that there are several marine fish stocks of such enormous value to the recreational industry that current commercial exploitation allowances must be carefully reviewed. The Gulf and Atlantic stocks of king mackerel and red drum and the Atlantic coast stocks of striped bass are examples that come readily to mind. The President's Commission on Americans Outdoors should focus on the benefits of decommercializing recreationally-important marine finfish species.

We must, as a nation, resolve the perplexing problems of providing reasonable management to transboundary finfish stocks that migrate between federal and state jurisdiction and among the waters of several coastal states. Our record of managing such interjurisdictional stocks has not been one of which we can be proud. For at least one such species, the Atlantic coast stocks of striped bass, the U.S. Congress has interceded. New law requires coastal states compliance with appropriate management plans promulgated by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The alternative is complete harvest moratorium. As noted in the legislative report on the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, "the harvesting and conservation of these fish have been subject to diverse, inconsistent, and intermittent state regulation that has been detrimental to the long term maintenance of stocks of the species and to the interest of fishermen and the nation as a whole."

Following a recommendation in the 1962 report of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission (RRRC) report, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act was passed in 1964. The Act established a fund to acquire land and water resources to meet the growing public demand for outdoor recreation. ORRRC conducted participation surveys and prepared projections for the years 1976 and 2000. By 1976, outdoor recreation participation was far greater than ORRRC projected. Even though fishing participation has increased significantly, federal land and water acquisition has continued to decline at an accelerated rate.

Acquisition of public resources to meet the increasing demands are not keeping pace. A static resource base and accelerating population growth can only result in a smaller slice of the fishing pie for future anglers. It is essential that natural resource managers adopt protocols which will add additional areas of fishing waters and/or protect existing waters.

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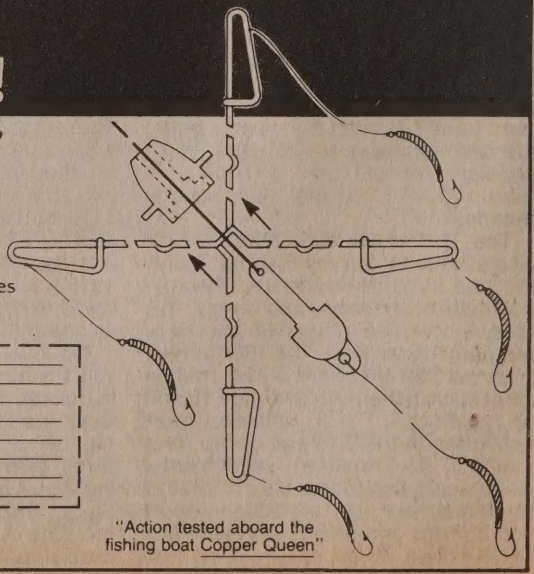

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resources presently held in the public domain. Impediments to fishing opportunities on public lands must be assessed. The Sport Fishing Institute seeks to increase recreational fishing on existing federal lands; these include Corps of Engineers, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and National Parks Service lands as well as military reservations, national monuments, national wildlife refuges and wherever the federal government controls the land and water. We look to this Commission to stimulate greater attention to development of such opportunities and suggest that as a part of this effort, a Cabinet-level conference be convened where all Secretaries who control federal lands meet and publicly discuss how federal lands can be made more readily available to all Americans. We further suggest that all appropriate agencies compile and assimilate all available resource inventory and development opportunities information. Such a data file would provide guidance for future development and identify and quantify public access deficiencies.

Sport fishing is an extremely popular sport which provides significant economic benefits to local, state and regional economies, as well as the national economy. Fishing was second only to swimming among favorite sports in American in 1985. Approximately 54 million Americans participated in sport fishing in 1980. The total direct and indirect effects of expenditures made by sport fishermen in 1985 on the national economy amounted to approximately $50 billion and provided 600,000 person-years of employment. Planning for recreational should therefore, list sport fishing as a high priority in future policy considerations.

Increasing population pressures and consequent demands for limited resources mandate that we clearly define federal and state roles for stewardship and conservation of our natural resources. This is especially true where interjurisdictional fisheries are involved. Management of these resources must include consideration of the complex social, economic and ecological factors affecting their distriubtion and supply. Also, while there is a necessity to develop new waters inland to meet growing demands, numerous fishing opportunities for development are available on existing federal holdings.

Among issues raised by SFI, some recommendations are: (1) select recreationally-important marine finfish species for decommercialization; (2) establish interjurisdictional regulatory authority to assure that resource conservation considerations prevail over parochial self-interests of local jurisdictions; and (3) a Cabinet-level conference be convened involving all agencies who control federal lands to publicly discuss how federal lands can be made more readily available to all Americans.

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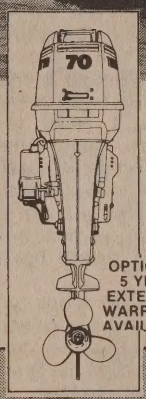

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HOW TO RELEASE STRIPED BASS

by William A. Muller

Many of you will recognize that we have published articles about this topic not too long ago. However, recent events relative to the striped bass fishery and consequent restrictions on the harvesting (keeping) of striped bass mitigate a review of the topic. Of course, all species can be released using the same method, but the main focus at this time is how to release striped bass.

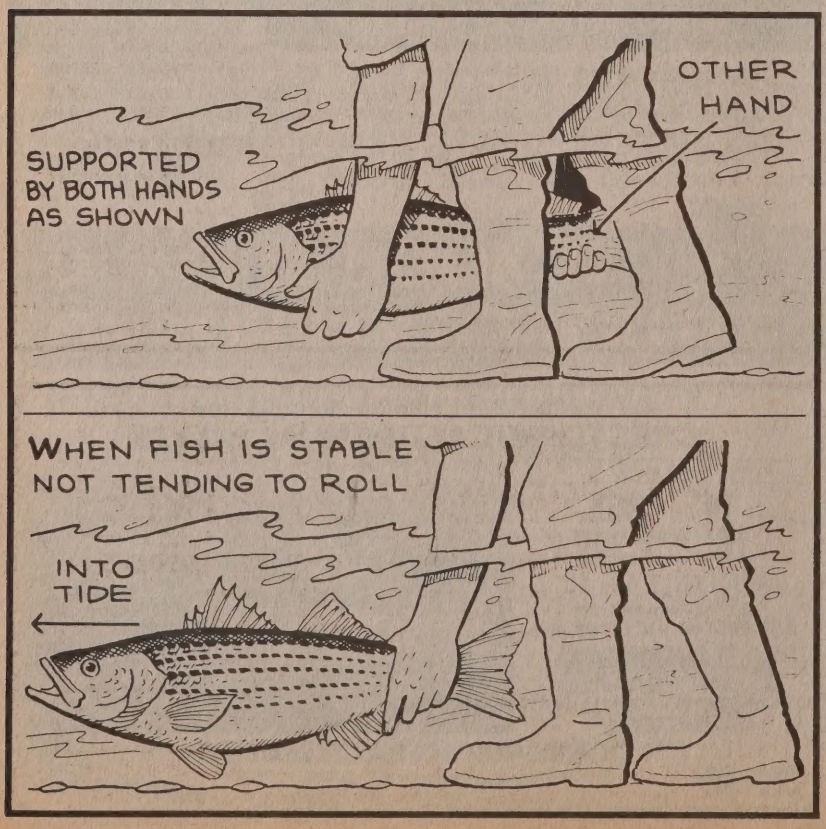
We'd be remiss if we didn't offer some cheer to our readers at this time. Many have expressed deep disappointment over bans, prohibitions and restrictions. That's the bad news. The good news is we can still fish for them. To many of you this may seem like an obvious fact, yet we have had many phone calls from anglers concerned that they could no longer go bass fishing. This is not the case! There exists no band, prohibition, or restriction on the catch of striped bass. As one fisheries official said to me recently: "How could anybody legislate the fish to stay off a hook?"

Recent regulations mean that after we have some fun and a good fight out of many of the bass we catch (perhaps in some states and for awhile at least—all bass), we'll be releasing them. How to do it right is a question many fishermen have who aren't too familiar with catch and release.

First let's take a look at the equipment that can make the job easier and more successful. Basically you'll need two: a sharp knife and long nosed pliers. This will not likely present a problem since most anglers carry these in their tackle boxes or surf bags.

Second, let's look at what type of condition a fish has to be in to achieve a successful release. Bass not covered by local regulation for harvest will have to be returned to the water; injured or not, dead or not—that's the law. Other species such as blues should be routinely kept if severely injured.

Third, how to judge a fish (other than bass) fit for release. All fish are injured to some extent from a hook. However, lip and mouth hooked fish experience minimal damage. Bleeding level is not necessarily the best indicator of the severity of damage. Sometimes, when a hook hits a blood vessel, even a lip-hooked fish will bleed a lot. However, when the fish is placed in the water and "walked" (a process we will explain shortly) superficial bleeding will stop. Such a fish can be released effectively. On the other hand, heavy bleeding from gut and gills will not usually stop upon immersion and such fish are likely to die. If a hook in the gill is around a gill support arch and not through the gill filaments, bleeding may be light, the hook removed carefully, and the fish released successfully. Likewise, a gut hooked fish that is not bleeding heavily can be released successfully by cutting the leader as close to the hook as possible. Even the best hooks rot away in a few days when immersed in fish digestive juices.



Therefore, the mouth hooked fish, deep hooked fish with minimal bleeding, lively fish and carefully unhooked fish can be released successfully. Of course, the anglers will need to exercise judgment, but that judgment can be effectively constructed with sound guidelines.

Fourth, how to release a releaseable fish. Unhook the fish as quickly as possible. The longer a fish is out of water, the more difficult it may be to release them. Here's where the pliers will come in handy. The tool allows a better grip and provides leverage to back a hook out easily. In extreme cases, a sharp knife can be used to make a clean incision in mouth—jaw areas to release a hook that is too firmly embedded. Such cuts made to tough cartilage will induce very little bleeding and will heal over in a day or two. Cuts that induce heavy bleeding should never be made.

When the fishhook is removed, the fish should be placed in the water carefully using two hands. Never simply throw a fish into the water. When the fish is in the water use one hand to support the head and/or force open the gills, while the other hand holds firmly to the base of the tail. The tail grip should be firm but should not strangle the fish's flesh. Move the fish back and forth in the water to encourage water to move into the mouth and over the gills bringing

oxygen. Face the fish into a current where possible to facilitate the water flow across the gills. A tired or shocked fish's first response and first sign of being in revival is when the dorsal fin rays stand up. Collapsed fins are a sign of an unhappy fish. The process of forcing water into the gills of a fish is called "walking."

As the fish gets stronger, it will begin to undulate. A sluggish fish can be stimulated by wiggling your wrist to induce an artificial undulation. The undulations will get stronger and stronger as the fish revives. Eventually you will feel the fish pulling away. at this point remove the hand that was supporting the head. If the fish is not yet ready to swim off it will start to roll on its side. If this happens, resume the "walk." If the fish stays upright when the head-hand is removed, hold the tail less firmly. When the fish is ready to swim off it will literally pull out of your gentle grip.

Some thoughts on special situations. The hardest fish to revive among those most commonly caught game fish inshore are weakfish (spotted sea trout, trout). A tired weakie needs a lot of TLC to get it back on the straight and narrow. Of the most commonly caught inshore game fish along most East Coast states, the striped bass is the easiest to release. the fish is not easily caused to bleed profusely, does not fight until thoroughly exhausted, and has remarkable powers of recuperation. A big bass will usually reward you for your altruism by thrusting out of your hand with such power that you'll get a splash in the face and a slap on the wrist.

Each fish is an individual. Some fish will swim off within seconds, while others may take ten minutes or more of "walking" to revive. An average of a minute or so is about right.

Light tackle and very light drags are a hindrance to successful release. The fish fight longer and harder against light resistance. The longer they fight the more exhausted they become and the more likely they will go into shock. A fish in deep shock is a hard critter to release.

Saltwater fish are hardier than freshwater fish. Thus, although it may be true that even carefully unhooked and released delicate species of freshwater fish may experience a high percentage of post release disease and death, this is not true of saltwater fish. New statistics suggest that it may not be true for even the most delicate of freshwater species either. Regardless, saltwater fisheries biologists who have researched this question extensively tell us that a properly unhooked and patiently released saltwater fish has a very, very high chance of normal survival.

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by John Raguso

It was the beginning of a beautiful spring evening on the ocean, a great time to be a sailor. The first week of May in 1963 had renewed the process of breaking away from winter's grip and the crew of the Dutch motorship Pinta was taking in the beauty of the distant lights of the New York skyline to the north and of Asbury Park, just a few miles to the west. The weather couldn't have been more apropos for sightseeing or navigating, as it was clear with 15 mile visibility and a good tailwind of 17 knots from the southwest, running before a 3 to 4 foot sea. The 194 foot Pinta was owned by N.V. Zeerederij of the Netherlands and was operated by Heidi's Shipping and Trading Company. She was on her way to Port Newark from Nicaragua in Central America, after a stop in Norfolk, Virginia and was loaded with a cargo of lumber.

Just after sundown at 7:50 PM, the Dutch crew's scenic tour was interrupted by a giant shadow that loomed to port of the small cargo vessel as she was making her final approach to New York Harbor. Without warning, the huge 10,700 ton British freighter City of Perth smashed into the port side amidships of the relatively diminutive Pinta and dealt it a crushing blow. After a brief inspection the master of the Dutch ship, a Captain Alie Korpelshoek, realized the severity of the Pinta's wound. He quickly passed the word to her crew of 12 to assemble by one of the life boats. Within minutes the Pinta took on a heavy list to port. Captain Korpelshoek realized the Dutch vessel's career was coming to a rapid conclusion and he gave the order to abandon ship.

New York times coverage of the event picks up the last radio messages of the Pinta and the City of Perth, as related by the Coast Guard. "At the time of the crash, the Coast Guard said, it received from the City of Perth the following message: 'The City of Perth struck Pinta, registered Rotterdam. This ship and Dutch vessel making water. Require immediate assistance'.

"At 8:18 PM, The City of Perth again radioed the Coast Guard. The message said: 'Pinta crew abandoning ship and rowing to board me. Pinta listing to port'.

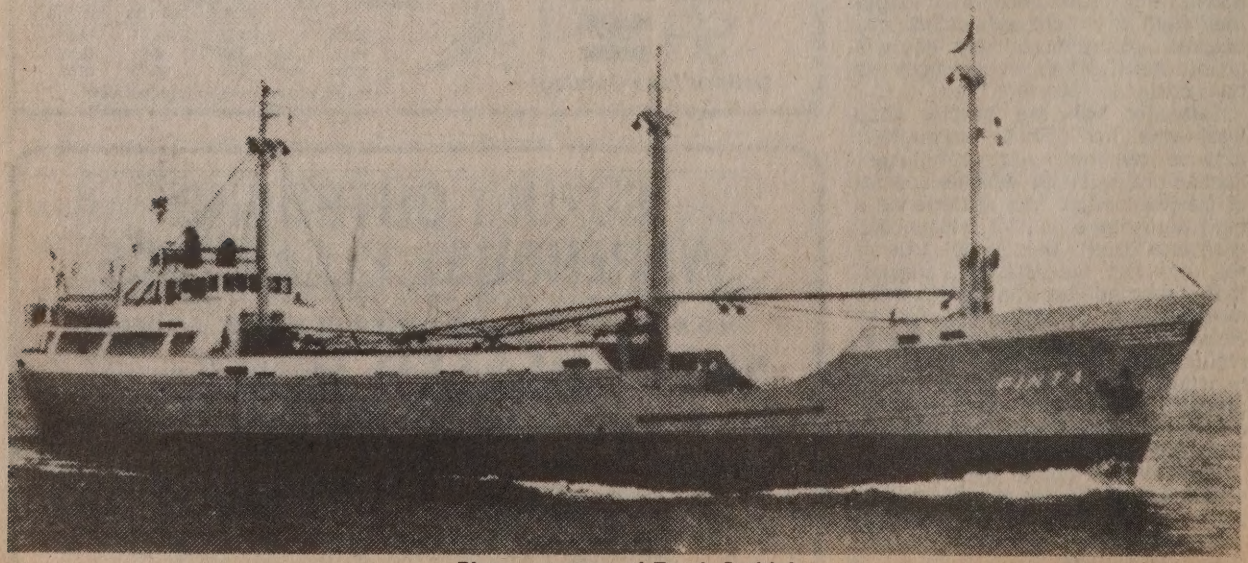
"At 8:46 PM, the City of Perth sent another message stating that no further assistance was needed. It said the Pinta's crew had been taken aboard safely and the Dutch ship had disappeared below the surface in about 80 feet of water.

"Coast Guard officials said both vessels were equipped with radar."

Although the City of Perth's initial communications indicated that she was taking on water and in danger of sinking, her damage control parties were able to make temporary repairs to negate the effects of the collision. The British freighter was seaworthy enough to proceed to New York Harbor under her own power.

Remarkably, considering that the collision and rescue operation took place in total darkness, there were no casualties reported by either vessel. This was abetted by the fact that the Pinta stubbornly stayed afloat for about 48 minutes after impact with the City of Perth, to allow her crew of 12 ample time to get off in an orderly fashion. They were also fortunate that one of the lifeboats remained undamaged, especially since she was struck amidships by a vessel more than 10 times her weight.

As an interesting epitaph to the story of the Pinta, the Coast Guard indicated that it would not investigate the cause of the collision, since it involved two foreign-flag vessels in international waters, and hence was outside of their jurisdiction. In retrospect, this accident would have made an interesting case for the marine investigators had there been some follow-up on the contributing causes of the collision. There are a number of



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details that stick out like the proverbial "sore thumb" when reviewing the bits and pieces of known data. For example, if both ships had working radar units, why did the collision take place, especially at dusk with a 15 mile visibility factor? Didn't either ship have running lights that could be visible by passing vessels?

The biggest question that remains unanswered to my mind is what was the Pinta doing at the location where she was struck by the City of Perth? Her position of 26880.5/433563.5 puts the vessel's resting place on the western edge of the Ambrose to Barnegat **outbound** shipping lane. But the Pinta was supposed to be traveling on the eastern edge of the Barnegat to Ambrose **inbound** traffic lane, located at least three nautical miles to the east of her position, on the flip side of the separation zone. Even if she drifted a bit after being struck by the City of Perth, the prevailing wind and current would have blown the Pinta to the northeast, due to the 17 knot SW winds and 3 to 4 foot seas, so it is unlikely that she drifted west across the separation zone into the outbound lane after the collision: she was probably in the wrong place to start. As a final question, since the Pinta was hit broadside on the port beam, what led her to take an easterly course that would have put the bow of the outbound City of Perth in a position to strike her broadsides? Could it be that the Pinta being disoriented ventured too far in shore and took a radical eastern swing on her helm to correct it to get back into the eastern inbound traffic zone, cutting off the City of Perth in the process?

The Pinta rests on the western edge of the New York Bight's famed Mud 'Hole, in about 80 to 85 feet of water. She lies about 1¼ miles west of the fifteen fathom curve which parallels the Jersey coast and the 30 fathom depths of the Mud Hole's inner recesses are situated less than 3 miles from the Pinta's watery gravesite.

Divers from the Atlantic Wreck Divers Club who I've spoken to about the Pinta claim that the vessel is totally intact, with her port side heeled over on the sandy sea bed at about a 75 to 80 degree angle. Slides and illustrations I've seen also confirm this, as well as the fact that she's populated with an abundance of marine life. This is a popular wreck with the Sheepshead Bay, Belmar and Brielle headboats because of her proximity to their ports as well as the Pinta's productivity. Blackfish, sea bass, red and silver hake, as well as the occasion cod and pollock are all regulars on the Pinta in season. You can also expect to find schools of marauding bluefish, bonito and false albacore, in addition to an occasional brown or mako shark.

Next week, we're going to steam about 29 miles SSW down the Jersey coast to the Barnegat Inlet area to cover the World War II torpedoing of the Panamian tanker Persephone.

PINTA
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: May 7, 1963
Length: 194.0 feet
Beam: unknown
Displacement: 1000 gross tons, 500 net tons
Year Built: 1959
Hull Condition: Steel, intact and heeled over on port side at about a 75 degree angle.
Depth of Water: 85 feet
Depth over Wreck: 45 feet
Lat/Lon Position: 40-13.76 N/73-50.27 W
Loran C Positon: 26880.5/43563.5

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Debs Inlet	21.3	203°	023°
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Sandy Hook	16.8	167°	347°
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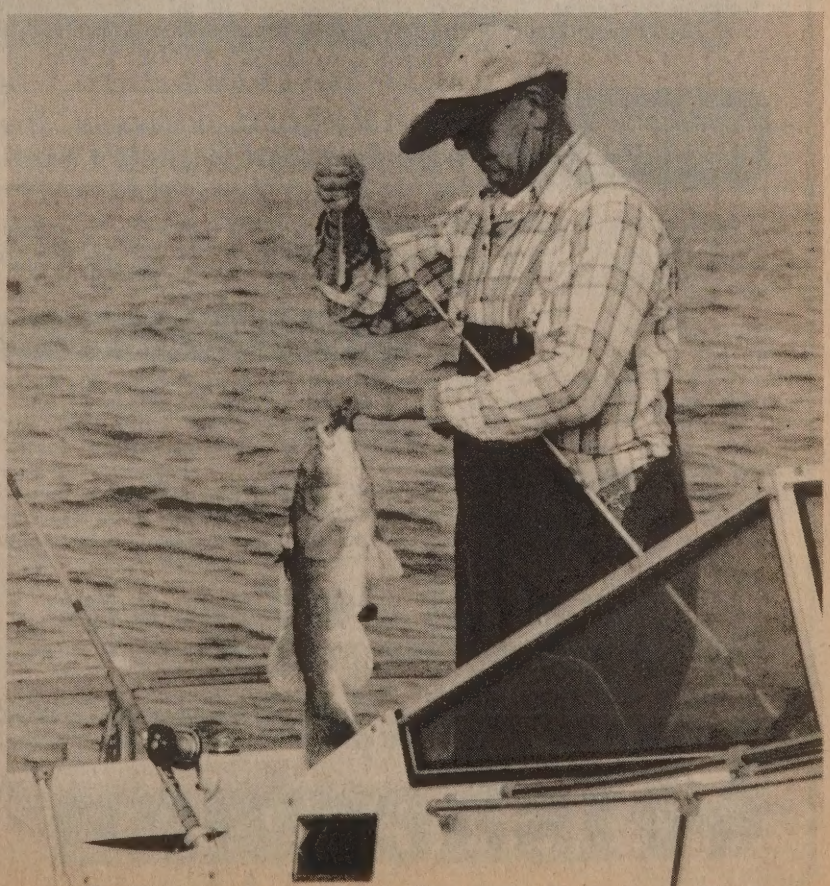
Barnegat Inlet	30.7	035°	215°



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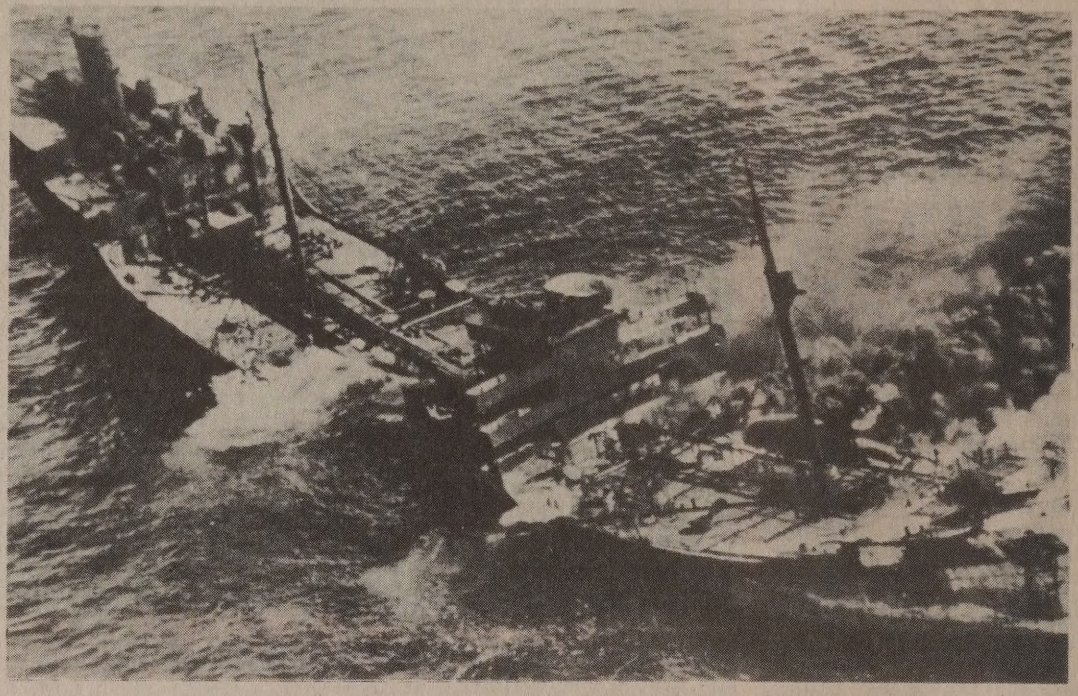

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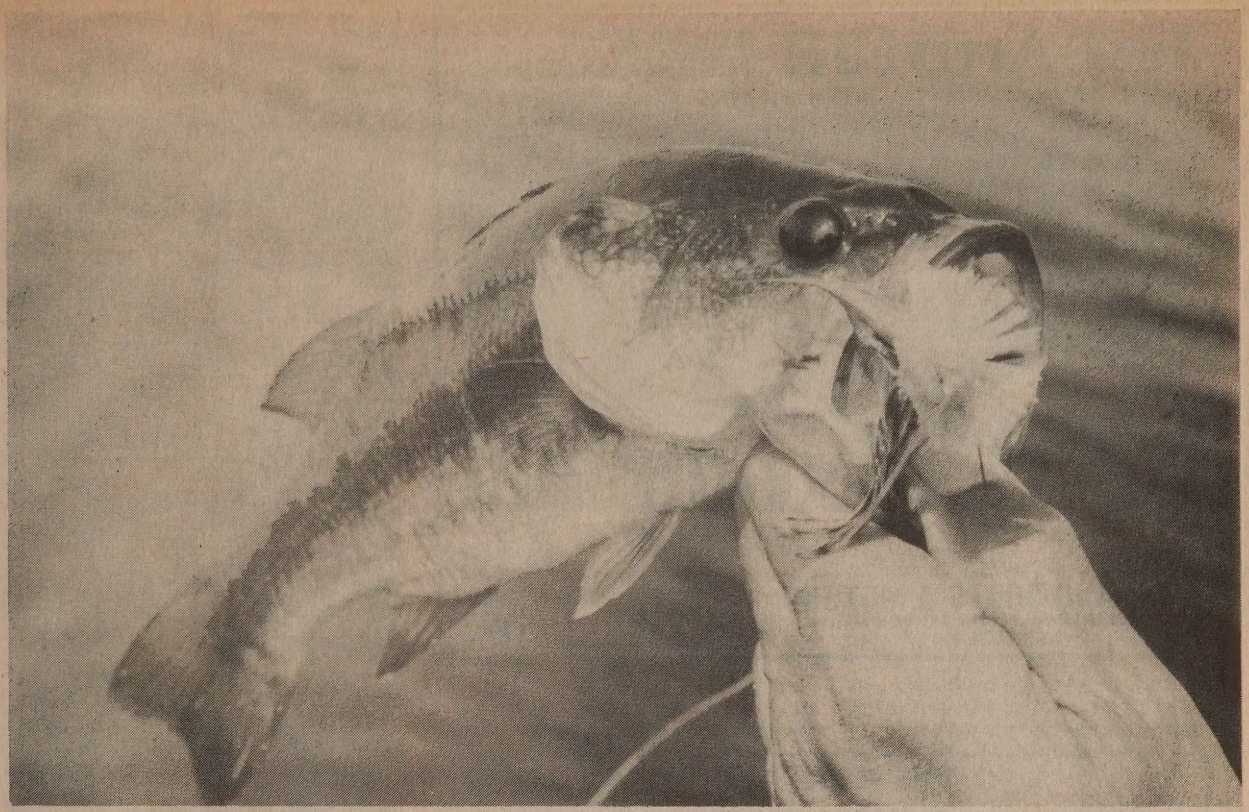

THOSE DEADLY DAHLBERGS

by Carl Buxbaum

It was quite by accident that the author discovered this deadly bass fly.

The Dahlberg Diving Minnow joined my arsenal by mistake, was reluctantly put to the fish catching test, and ended up as the only fly I use for bigmouth bass. It's a killer!

During my usual winter spell of stir crazy daydreaming, a couple of years ago, every available tackle catalog was read and reread, until ragged and dog-eared. Order forms were mailed, and I waited impatiently for the brown UPS truck to show up with my latest toys—as if their absence alone kept me from fishing in the snow. The first package came in less than two weeks, but it felt like eternity. I ripped open the box, the way kids attack presents on Christmas morning and dumped the contents on the kitchen table. There, in the midst of twice as many jumping, sticking, styrofoam packing squigglies as could fit in the box, were my trout flies; each type in a separate plastic container—like little jewels.

But the jewel box of #6, yellow marabou muddler was short by two. A plastic medicine-type bottle rolled off the table, clattering on the floor. It held a single fly that looked like a missing muddler, but I was still one short. The packing slip explained the mystery of the missing muddler. The yellow marabou ones were out of stock, and something called a Dahlberg Diving Minnow (more than double the price) was shipped as a substitute. I was miffed about being short a fly and owning another that would probably never get wet. "Do Not Substitute," must remember to scrawl that across every order from now on, I thought.

Last spring, while walking the banks of the Connetquot at site 21, I glimpsed the tail of a beefy trout under a thick weed canopy. Getting down on one knee and peeking under the umbrella, a hulking shadow was visible—but I still couldn't make out the fish. It was too dark in the hideout; the fish was tucked in too deep; and because the scene was only about 18 inches from the snag infested, tree rooted bank, delivering a fly was a real challenge. I walked upstream and dropped a big Montana Nymph down the narrow slip of open water, as close to the weeds as possible—not close enough. Big fish love to eat little fish, I reasoned, maybe a fat sculpin imitation would draw out the brute. It didn't. A fly had to get under the weeds. The odds against reaching the trout before hanging up and spoiling the spot seemed too great.

Then I remembered that stupid fly with the weed guard, the diving minnow. I bent down the barb and let it drift over the surface of the open channel until it was a yard or more behind the fish. When the line tightened in the current, the fly dove. It plunged deeper with a quick strip of line. Between strips it rose slightly, the marabou body all aflutter. Even in very low light, strands of red, green, gold and silver tinsel made it live. The clipped deer hair head, with a flat bottom and a neck collar on top, was the key to its action. The hair provided flotation and the shape made a diving plane. The fly fisher's answer to the Rapala plug, I thought, thanking myself for not having sent the thing back with a nasty note the year before.

The Dahlberg was an estimated 8 inches behind and a foot left of the trout's right eye. And I thrust the rod

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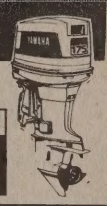

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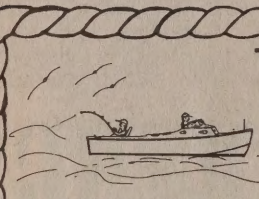

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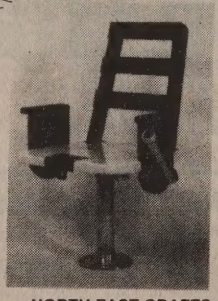

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tip out toward the middle of the stream, so it was aligned with the weeds. The fly darted under and stopped cold. I tried to muscle the beast toward the open channel, but she'd have none of it. Her back made pulsing humps in the canopy. Give some, I thought, or she'll pop the tippet. Big mistake! Should've risked slugging it out. The instant my grip eased, the reel spun; a broad shouldered rainbow cleared the water on the far side of the weeds; crashed down like a moose, made a full circle through the vegetation, securely anchoring the leader. Jumped again, snapped the tippet and darted downstream trying to shake a fly that failed to survive the only cast of its life. Nothing should be said about the size of the one that got away.

"What do you mean, you don't have any #6 yellow Dahlbergs," I yelled into the phone the next morning. "Never had #6, Sir...always came in 8, 4 and 1/0," was the cool response. "Okay, give me three yellow 8s..." She cut me short, "Sorry Sir, yellow's out of stock—how about perch?" One steam relieving remark calmed me down: "Last year you send a fly I don't want; now I want it, so you don't have any." I guessed perch was yellow enough; "What **do** you have?" On penalty of death, the intrepid woman promised same day shipment of Dahlbergs: four each, in the three sizes, colors perch, silver (actually white) and black. "May we substitute, Sir?" I hung up.

Five days and about 100 bucks later, the flies arrived by special delivery mail; and I headed straight to Hempstead Lake. It just opened for the season and I couldn't wait to pick around the brush piles the Department of Environmental Conservation deposited, as part of a habitat improvement program. I waded in and put the Dahlbergs to the test.

The darn things are just fantastic in still water; where an angler can float them, pop them, make them dive, swim them like streamers, and let them slowly climb back to the top. While the incident with the big rainbow may have been an isolated one, the Dahlberg Diving Minnow seems absolutely made for warm water species. It slaughtered pickerel, largemouth bass, bluegills, yellow perch and, later on, at Big Reed Pond, it was equally successful with white perch.

In fact, the Dahlberg is probably effective on any game fish that ever responded to a slim minnow plug. So effective that only the larger sizes should be used by fishermen after bass or pickerel of decent proportions. The #8s are simply too attractive to panfish and yearlings. You'll spend half a day unhooking runts before a good fish beats them to the punch.

Pickerel in Hempstead Lake and in one of those secret little gems of a pond in Southampton, showed a clear preference for white—no matter how it was presented. The fly was tested in bigmouths in four lakes. Bass respon-

ded well to all three colors, but yellow had a slight edge overall and black did somewhat better on deep, swimming retrieves.

I learned to present the fly as if it were a Rapala, with some minor modifications, and think it's more useful and productive than the notorious plug. The single, weed repelling hook and near weightlessness allow the fly to be dropped right on fishy cover; not merely nearby. I put it over brush and weeds within an inch of the surface. A plug hits the water hard and, no matter how well it floats, reaches down to foul the treble hooks in these situations. Certainly you couldn't get off with making a plug dive to close to snags. The Dahlberg, on the other hand, comes down softly and doesn't even ripple the water much, until the rod is jiggled or line is stripped for a pop and dive. And, then the weed guard usually clears it through the maze. Instead of working at placing a cast next to a lily pad, drop the fly on the pad. Slip it into the water with a slow pull on the line and you can't get any closer.

Once it's in the water, announce its arrival by popping the fly with a couple of sharp, short lifts of the rod. Let it sit a few seconds, and if nothing happens, ring the dinner bell again. Even when the fly is stationary, there's enough life in the undulating marabou and tinsel to invite savage strikes. No action yet? Quickly strip a foot of line. The Dahlberg will dive and then, ever so slowly, resurface. I've had fish take on the dive, but the best largemouths responded to the creeping rise. Plugs bob right up—too fast. Repeat the diving strip after each rise. Following bigmouths like to grab the fly just as it starts to dive again. They're afraid it's about to escape. If the fly makes it to open or deep water, start a series of strips, and swim it like a streamer. It gets down nice and deep, because each dive runs down further than the distance it rises between strips.

After the fly's well soaked, especially if it took a few fish, you'll notice a change in its behavior. Wet and slimy Dahlbergs are great streamers, because they sink, dive and assume a neutral buoyancy which keeps them deep. That's fine. But if most of the takes occurred at the surface, on the dive, or on the subsequent rise, it makes sense to restore the original floating ability. A series of backcasts between presentations dries the fly enough for a float and dive or two. It tends to stay down after that, unless you spend more time whipping the thing dry than fishing. I've found that a generous application of dry fly floatant, to the deer hair, is a lasting solution.

This fly is especially good at sparking the curiosity of otherwise inactive largemouths. They follow it, inspect it, damn near sniff its tail. Wear polarized glasses—you'll see. Even fish that don't want to eat can't seem to turn their backs. So, make sure to work the thing all the way back to the boat. I don't know how many times I snatched the fly away from a good bass, in order to cast back to cover, before I discovered the inquisitive tracking response evoked by this particularly tantalizing concoction of hair and feathers.

The pond was slick as glass that day and a plump yellow Dahlberg Diver sat on the film like a raft. It dove. It surfaced. Dove; surfaced—again. Two long pulls on the line got it way down. In time, it pierced the fragile skin, and a little swirl came up a few inches behind the fly. A short yank on the line and the swirl returned. A long, fast pull caused a big, tension building swirl, as a fish dove after the Dahlberg. Then I saw it. The bass was actually nudging the marabou with its snout, as it floated upward. Once on top, the 4 lber. backed off—but moved in again the instant the fly dove. I watched the bigmouth slowly rise with the fly, an inch away, before backing off. On the next pull I felt the leader knot click through the tiptop. It was a stand-off: Dahlberg floating on top and husky bass hanging two feet to the right. Not much time; I desperately jerked the rod right, driving the fly right at the fish. The knot clicked again, exiting the tiptop, which plunged into the water as the too curious decided to fight it out under the boat.

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WIDE GAP RIG FOR SUMMER FLOUNDER

by John Konior

Fluke hunting grounds consist primarily of the south shore of the Island between Captree and Jones Inlet. Over the years I've experimented with various fishing methods for them as well as rigs. I was fortunate to be on hand when there was a fluke resurgence in the early to mid 70s and you didn't need to be an expert to catch a lot of fish, and some nice sized ones to boot! However, as with the weakfish, the fishing began its decline and techniques and rigs had to be refined in order for one to get his share of fish. With fluke season upon us, most anglers will experience a lot of lean days, especially considering the preponderance of small fish around, i.e., less than 14 inches.

Keep in mind that the focus of this article centers on waters close to Jones Beach Inlet; however, the method, rig and baits I'm about to describe work equally well in other areas. While I've had a large measure of success with chumming for fluke during the summer months, drift or slow trolling is the only way to go during the early and latter parts of the season.

Now I don't believe it's any secret that when drift fishing, a long leader appears to be more effective in getting more strikes from fluke. For this reason, I recommend a 4 foot primary leader. Note that I said primary leader. I've been a long term proponent of fishing the spring and fall season because it's a time when quite a few species change places. On more than one occasion, I've caught blues and weaks while drifting for fluke. However, most of those fish were caught using a high hook. It's not that this setup didn't produce fish; it did, but the high hook had a tendency to foul with the lower hook and even more so when employing long leaders! To overcome the problem, I opted to slide a torpedo float on the high hook leader. For a number of reasons, it didn't work. I finally hit upon an idea taken from an article which appeared in The Fisherman. I remembered reading about a tandem rig setup that was just dynamite on fluke. I adapted the setup to include a secondary leader which was also 4 feet long, attached by a loop knot approximately a foot down the primary leader (towards the snell loop, not the hook). Before I tied the snell loop on the secondary leader I slid the torpedo float onto the leader and anchored it about 18 inches from the hook, then attached it to the primary leader via the loop knot. To complete the rig I tied a large loop knot in my line approximately 8 to 10 inches above the sinker. This seemingly ungainly rig is then fastened to the line via the large loop knot. For whatever reason, it works. The interesting point about setting the rig about 8 to 10 inches above the sinker is that I've had a lot more luck with it as compared to fastening the rig just above the sinker, even when using only one hook. I believe that the bait is more visible, is not apt to drag unnaturally along the bottom and is less accessible to crabs.

The rig doesn't stop here, however. I recommend using 30 lb. test leader material because of its stiffness, not strength. Whether you're using conventional or spinning tackle I don't believe it's necessary to go beyond 20 lb. test mono. In fact, I prefer using 15 to 17 lb. good quality mono (think me crazy or what, but my best results have been when I've employed light green low visibility mono, even going as far as to dye the leader the same color with food coloring)!

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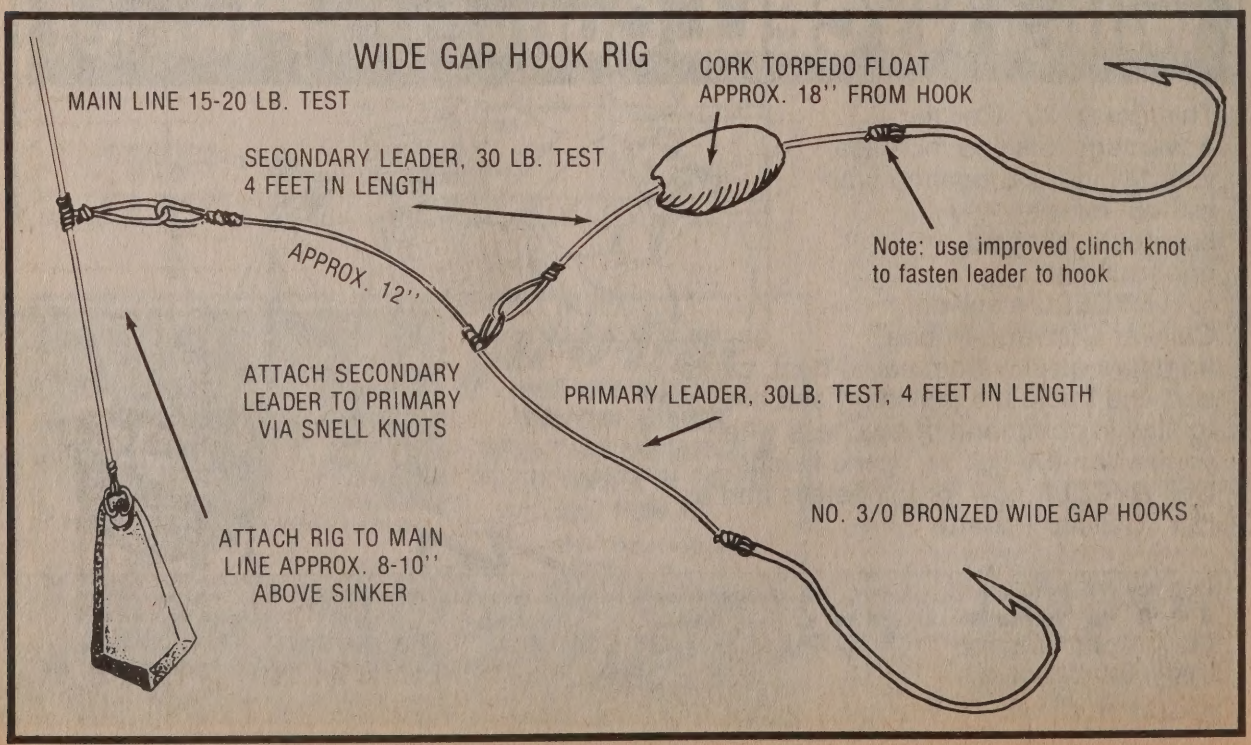
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although the $20 outfit won't put any extra fish in your boat as compared to an averaged priced outfit. For drift fishing I prefer a 6½ to 7 foot stiff fast taper rod. The stiffness aids in handling sinkers/currents and in setting the hook, while the fast taper minimizes the hook from being pulled through the fluke's mouth.

To complement the rig, I have not found a more effective hook for fluke than the Wide Gap hook. This hook came on the scene about 8 or so years ago. It seems that no matter whom I've spoken to, they all swear by this hook, including myself. Again, based upon my experience, the best size is a 3/0, bronzed (although the hook comes in gold and nickel plate as well in addition to a full spectrum of sizes.). I'm assuming at this point that most anglers know that you don't attempt to set the hook when fluke fishing upon detecting the first strike.

Quite seriously, the most effective method is to let a few feet of the line out, wait a few seconds, lift the rod slowly until you feel a tug, and then set the hook. I believe that more fluke are never brought to the boat because of being too anxious to set the hook, as are lost fish at the boat for being only slightly lip hooked. I'm making this point in support of the Wide Gap hook. Its unique shape appears perfecty designed for the fluke's mouth. Most fish are hooked directly behind the lower jaw in the tough part of the fish's mouth even when you've attempted to set the hook too early—enough said!

No rig is going to get you fish without bait. So, aside from my weird rig, the best bait combination for it is a whole smelt (with head intact) on the bottom hook and a live killie on the top hook (the one with the float). You can spice up the killie by attaching a tapered 1x5 inch strip of squid, especially when the blues and weaks are around. In both cases only hook the bait once through the lips of the fish and once through the wide end of the squid strip. Unbelievable as it may sound, I catch as many fluke on the high hook, e.g., the fish will swim right off the bottom to attack the bait. And, furthermore, the combo rig as tied and baited is far more effective as compared to using only one hook whether a single high or low hook; you figure it out!

In the spring and again in the fall, start drifting just east of the Meadowbrook Bridge in Sloop Channel and along the west side of the channel across from the Coast Guard Station; when you're in the inlet area stick to the east side of the channel right up along the east jetty, but watch out for the bar that runs out from the south end. I've had about as much luck with either tide, but prefer the outgoing for consistency. As with practically any other fish, the best times are two hours before and after slack water and especially during a new moon phase.

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SHARKER'S SIX PACK

by Pete Barrett

An expert sharker shares a half dozen secrets that are sure to improve your shark score.

Shark fishing can switch from severe boredom on a very slow drift to sheer panic and excitement in less than than it takes to snap your fingers. Often it's a small item that helps fool a good fish, but we've all had days when that small, but significant detail made a big difference in the number of fish brought to the boat proving the adage that "little things mean a lot."

Only a fool would claim to know what goes on in a mako's brain to be able to say for sure why a shark won't eat, but there are some things that seem to help alleviate a bad case of mako lockjaw and get them charging to the baits. The following small details have worked for me over the last few seasons and you might want to give one or two of them a try to see if they work for you, too.

Black line. Many shark fishermen prefer to fish with dacron line because it has virtually no stretch. Even a fish that runs off a considerable amount of line while munching on the bait can still be hooked firmly with a few short, hard lifts of the rod tip to set the hook. Since there is no stretch, the rod's full power rams that hook into the fish for keeps.

The problem with dacron is its high visibility. Unlike monofilament which nearly disappears in the water, most dacron lines are braided of bright white fibers and stand out like a neon sign over Joe's Diner. Sharks are often considered slow witted creatures, but they aren't stupid. The highly visible dacron can trigger a shark's intuition that the bait is attached to something like a rod and reel.

To make the line disappear in the water, the end of your line between the float and the bait should be blackened. Stationery supply stores now sell huge Magic Markers with soft felt tips that measure nearly a half inch across. Make sure the ink is labeled as "permanent" so it won't wash out while you fish. Run the marker back and forth on the line until the dacron absorbs the ink and is completely blackened.

I usually try to fish the same rods and reels in the same rod holder each time I fish to keep track of the tackle better. The number one rod usually has the bait dropped down from the float about 90 feet so I blacken 75 feet of the line. Add the 15 foot leader and the bait is quickly and easily set to the proper level by simply attaching the float at the end of the blackened line. There's no need to re-measure the drop down each time because it's already premeasured. The number two rod has its bait at the 60 foot level so 45 feet of line is blackened. The number three rod has its line blackened for only 25 feet.

It's possible to purchase spools of dacron with the entire line blackened but using this totally black line makes it hard to keep track of the fish as you fight it. The line disappears so well, especially in sunlight reflected off the surface of the water, that you can lose track of the line completely. That's a problem since you can't tell which way the fish is running until it might be too late to maneuver the boat to compensate.

If you don't like using a magic marker to blacken the line, purchase a small spool of factory blackened line and splice it into the main fishing line. The splices are strong and there's no mess as with the markers. I usually have a few blackened double lines pre-measured and rigged with snap swivels stored on leader coils. If a weird accident occurs while boating a shark that cuts the line, a new pre-blackened double line can be added in just a few seconds.

Rattles. Commercial long liners have long known that sound can be used to attract fish to the baited hooks. Frank Johnson of Mold Craft Lures once related a story about commercial swordfishermen who were purchasing huge bags full of rattles that Frank manufactures for use on

Bluefish fillet rigged with plastic skirt to give it more appeal. Often it pays to try various color skirts to get results from finicky mako sharks.

his Soft Head tuna trolling lures. Seems they were using the rattles on the leaders attached to the long lines.The results were eye-opening and many species of fish, not just swords are taken with the aid of the rattles. According to Frank, tuna, sharks and billfish have also been fooled with the rattles.

Although some early experiments with the rattles for sharking were encouraging, last season was generally a slow one and this is the first full season I'll be trying them. The plastic tubes are molded with a hollow tube that slides over the leader. The rattle is a tiny steel ball encased in a plastic bubble. Johnson makes them in clear plastic and solid green fluorescent and they are available in tackle shops.

Cyalume Light Sticks. The Mold Craft fluorescent rattles are the first step in adding light to the baits. Larger light sticks like the kind used for swordfishing have also been tried with mixed results by sharkers. American Cyanamid now makes smaller light sticks sold under the product name of "Lunker Lights" and they are available in many tackle shops. Only about two inches long, the miniature sticks can be seen at depths to 40 to 50 feet and may prove effective in attracting sharks to the baits.

Many fish in the ocean are naturally fluorescent and not just the weird looking creatures that live several miles deep off the Continental Shelf. Anyone who has caught peanut dolphin, skipjack tuna or school bluefins can verify that other fish also light up with fluorescent streaks as they feed or become frightened.

Tuna Skirt. Wiggle a hula skirt in front of a sailor on shore leave and the result is usually instantaneous interest. The same thing often happens with a hungry mako when it sees a tuna skirt draped over a juicy fillet bait. The dangling strands of the skirt dance seductively and make the bait look alive and very edible to sharks of all species.

On several occasions I've had a mako in the slick that would not eat, yet when a skirted bait was wiggled past the fish it was wham: fish on!

Skirts come in a variety of sizes and colors so the fisherman can vary the selection. Standards skirts of about 10 inches in length are good choices and colors like green, orange, red and yellow get results.

I've tried some flourescent skirts and while they don't shine as bright as the Cyalume sticks, they still add some extra flash that may help raise additional interest from a shark.

If the skirt is too loose on the leader it can slide along the leader while a fish is being played. Blues can hit the skirt and cut the line. To avoid this, cut a very small hole at the tip end of the skirt so the eye of the hook has to squeeze tightly through the hole. Or, use some copper rigging wire to tie the skirt in place.

Chunking. Chunking can be overdone. Too many pieces of bait in the water and the sharks will lie back in the slick, probably out of view, dining on the easy pickings the angler keeps tossing over the side. Chunking very sparingly, however, can turn a mako on so it's ready to eat anything that comes in front of it, especially your baited rig.

A prized mako goes up on the scale.

It's hard to believe that a shark can pass right by carefully prepared baits, swim up the slick and nose around the boat and then turn with a graceful push of the tail and fade into the depths. What happened? Only the shark knows for sure, but it's obvious that the rigged baits didn't get his attention.

To get some interest going, toss a small handful of chunks before he turns to leave. The small chunks look natural and frequently get a finicky shark in the mood for dinner. A few mackerel chunks are like hor d'oeuvre at a cocktail party: they can't eat just one and so the fish comes back for more.

While one man chunks (sparingly), another crew member should reel in one of the baits and maneuver it in front of the shark's path. After a few chunks, the fish should be eager to eat the rigged bait. If the bait still gets snubbed, reel it in all the way and drape a fresh bait on the hook and set it out again.

Noise. Sound travels very fast and quite far in the water, and sharks are able to pick up sounds from great distances. Sounds can be created by simple method like banging a fist on the side of the hull or in more sophisticated ways. I know one sharker who plays the "1812 Overture" with all its booming cannons and drums on a stereo cassette he places in the bilge. While I can't dispute his sharking success (he always manages a few more makos than I do each season), I'm not totally convinced of his audio effects.

The old flounder pounder plumber's helper can be used to cause blooping, splashing sounds in the water. I've heard of an angler who uses a floating tuna teaser to splash in the slick by yanking on the line that attaches the teaser to a cleat.

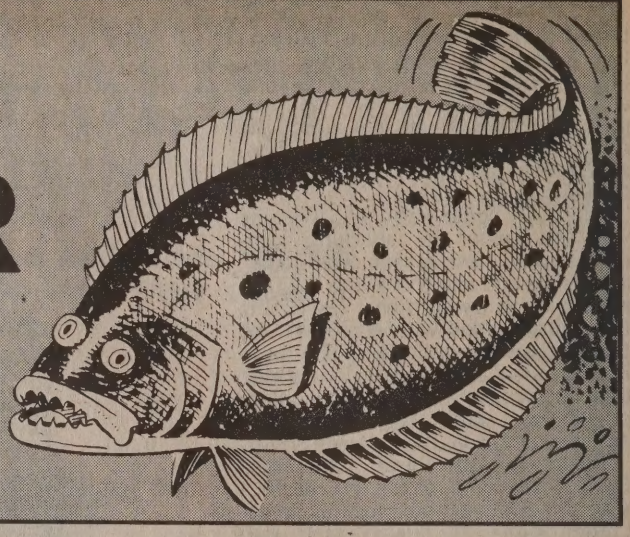
Firearms require caution in the boat, but one very effective sound system can be created by shooting a .22 straight down into the water. The booming, thudding sound can be felt right through the decks and no doubt travel within earshot of nearby sharks.

Does sound really work? Probably. There have been too many slow days that were quickly cured by a fist banged on a hull and then an immediate runoff. Other days you could pound and pound and get nothing more than a sore hand.

Sharking is a challenge because the fish are not so easy to catch. They require careful planning of the drift, careful rigging of baits and even some "trickery" on the part of the angler who uses skirts, light sticks, blackened lines and even rattles to help put more odds in the fisherman's favor.

THE TEN POUNDER

by Matt Ahern



Several times a year I don't play fair with you fellers. Take this article, for instance. It's a repeat of one written some five or six years ago. I repeat such articles, not so much to escape a little brain strain (though I must admit that enters into it), but because it is appropriate and fits right in with the season.

The urging to repeat this story has its genesis in an interesting letter I received from Jack Reed of Brooklyn. While more or less rebuking me for telling tall tales when writing about the good fishing enjoyed in the good old days, his wrath was leveled more on my reminiscence of those truly large fluke we used to catch in the long-ago.

Up until the date of his letter, Jack admitted that he had yet to catch a fluke over two pounds. He concluded his letter with: "Tell me, Matt: you write about large fluke—when was the last time you saw a ten pounder?"

From the tone of Mr. Reed's letter, I'm sure he was asking when did I last catch a ten pounder. If this is so, my answer is: not for a long time, sir; nor for a long time. If memory serves me correctly, without first checking through voluminous records, I'd say I caught my last 10 pounder in 1962 while fishing aboard the Capt. Eric out of Captree. And that's a long time between 10 pounders. I don't know if I shall ever catch another, but you know the old saying: Hope abides forever in the fisherman's breast.

But if Mr. Reed actually meant when was the last time I saw a ten pounder, I can say it's been not all that long ago: 1979—a year not noted for its doormat fluke. It was caught on July 4th on my buddy Artie Leidecker's "Echo"—a fitting tribute from the cantankerous but patriotic fishing gods. It also happened to be Artie's 66th birthday, which made it a sort of bi-celebration affair.

The evening before, Artie had phoned. "I got Nick Hauck and Charlie Hall lined up for a fluke trip tomorrow. You get hold of Al Dunn. We'll try that high spot off Jones Beach Tower. Should be a fluke or two waiting for us. Oh...Margaret's making up all the lunch, and I'm paying the freight for this one. A birthday present in reverse for you guys. Try to meet us at dawn—no later."

The day broke fair, with hazy clouds marching ahead of a light southeast breeze. Not the best condition for good ocean fluke fishing. Rain was certain to fall by late afternoon; surely at low water; but if we were lucky, we'd be long gone by then.

As we came out of Jones Inlet, I left Artie at the wheel and joined my buddies on the bow. There was a slight heave on, but not enough to worry us.

Just then, the sun slid out from behind a bank of clouds, looked us over without any great enthusiasm, and slid back in again. Charlie Hall said it was an omen. "The weather's not so hot, fellers," he commented. "Hope it doesn't blow—because if it does...well, who catches fluke in a blow?"

True enough. "Artie figures we should be all right," I said. "It won't blow or rain for awhile—at least, not until the tide changes. Anyway, that's what he thinks. And, heck, if the fish cooperate, we'll be home by then."

"Keep your fingers crossed," Nick added. And that more or less brought our weather concerns to an end.

In due time we arrived in the area of Artie's favorite offshore fluke high spot. Our first drift was started well to the south and east in expectation tha the wind and tide would eventually carry us to some good fishing.

Al Dunn drew first blood when he lifted a borderline keeper over the rail. He carefully removed the hook and dropped the fish overboard. "Back you go, baby." Then he added an afterthought: "Send your big brother around."

As we neared our high spot our interest heightened. The next fluke thought my killie worthwhile and I lifted a two pounder aboard. Five minutes later, Artie and Al each added a fluke to the bucket.

"C'mon, Charlie," Artie chided. "There's got to be one down there for you. You, too, Nick."

"You guys catch those runts," Charlie replied. "We're after doormats. Ain't that right, Nick?"

Nick, never over-talkative, nodded his head in agreement. "That's right. You watch our smoke."

But if there were doormats down there, none of us could prove it. In fact, during the time spent drifting over the high spot, not one fluke came up. We made another run, starting the drift slightly to the west, which Artie hoped would cut across the southwest corner of the high spot. Two throwbacks rewarded our efforts.

"I wish this was August," Artie said as he replaced his shopworn bait with a fresh killie. "I'd make a drift along the outside edge of the Stone Barge."

"How about the Iberia Wreck off Long Beach?" I suggested. "We've caught some nice fluke there in July."

But Artie argued against it. "Too far to run. Besides, what if this breeze kicks up...? No, the Iberia is out. We'll have to do the best with what we've got."

And I guess we were lucky at that. If we had made that run, it is quite possible we never would have caught that ten pounder.

We continued to fish, but it was slow going. Occasionally, a drift would reward us with a fluke or two, but most produced nothing; and those we did catch were nothing to rave about. As Charlie Hall said, we could have done as well in any South Shore bay. Eventually the area petered out completely.

Just before noontime, Artie went below and returned with his homemade chart of the area. "There's another high spot south and east of Buoy Two. See." He indicated the area with a stubby finger. "It says thirty feet at high water, which—let's see—means that right now on this incoming tide, there's about twenty-eight feet over it. Let's give it a try."

A half hour later and only minutes into our first drift, Nick connected with our first decent fish of the

day—an easy 3 lber. Then Artie brought in one a bit larger. He dropped the fish into the bucket. "Don't waste time, fellers. This breeze is picking up."

Which was true enough. I'd noticed it too. In fact, minutes later it became necessary to use heavier sinkers. I figured that in another hour we would be forced to quit. It was then when it happened.

Until that time I hadn't payed much attention to what the other fellows were doing. But I quickly became attentive when I heard Al Dunn say: "You want the net, Charlie?" And more so when Charlie replied: "You better gaff this one."

I called over to Artie. "Charlie's hung a big one!" We quickly reeled in.

Grim faced, Charlie stood braced against the rail, his rod bent into that arc only a big fish can make. I grabbed the net—just in case. Artie picked up the gaff. We took our place, one to each side of the laboring fisherman. Nick and I peered into the depths.

Seconds passed. And then the brown body of an enormous fluke glided into sight. At the same instant, the fish spotted the boat and dove for the bottom. "Let it run, Charlie," Artie coached. "Let it run! Easy does it. Take your time. Easy. Easy."

When the fluke reached bottom, it headed south and peeled off 20 feet of line in one continuous run. It then slowed, reversed direction and headed back toward the boat. For several heart-stopping seconds, the battle became a stalemate. Then Charlie gained control and nursed the fish to the surface. This time when it came into view, it no longer had the energy for a second run. The exhausted fluke lay on the surface, undulating slowly in the wash of the boat.

Artie leaned over the rail. "No net for this one, Matt. I'll gaff it. Stand clear, fellers!" And with that, he neatly impaled the fluke through the head. Over the rail it came.

"Phew!" Artie exclaimed, shaking the fish from the gaff. "Congratulations, Charlie. That's some fluke! The best in a long time."

"The biggest I ever caught," Charlie admitted. "Didn't I tell you guys I was waiting for a doormat. Believe, brother, believe."

We continued to fish, making several drifts in the same area, hoping that perhaps one of us would hook into another doormat. But as Artie later said, it was a bit too much to expect. When we weighed the fluke at the dock, it proved to be a shade over ten pounds.

And that's the story of the ten pounder. Larger fluke are caught each summer, I know, but this was the best we'd come up with in quite sometime.

So, Mr. Reed, you need not be discouraged. I've always felt that for us fellows, the largest fluke is still down there waiting to be caught.

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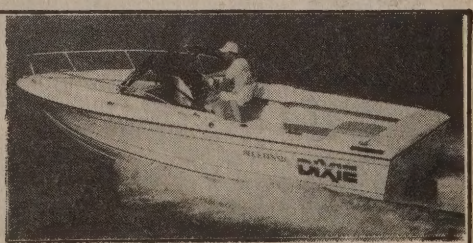

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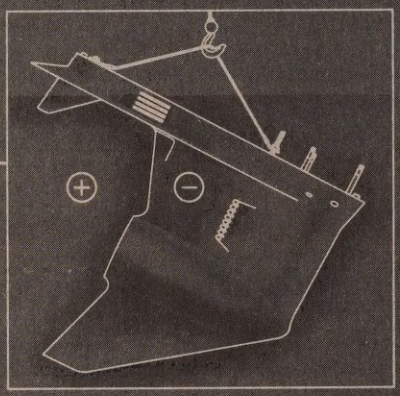

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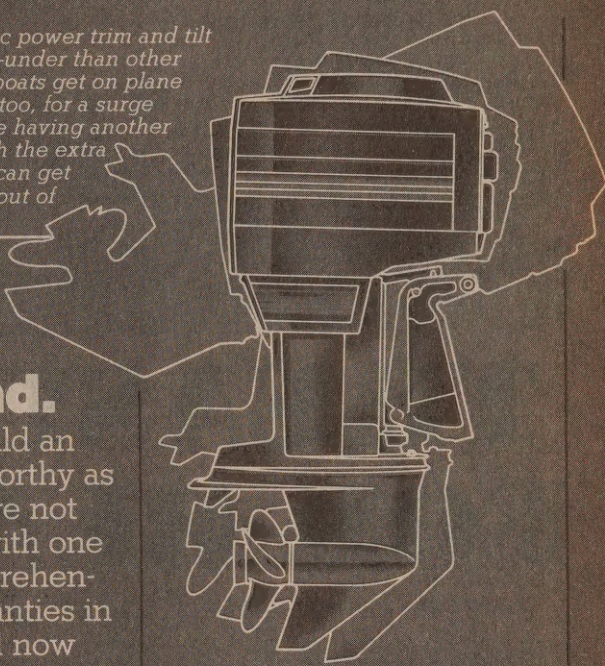

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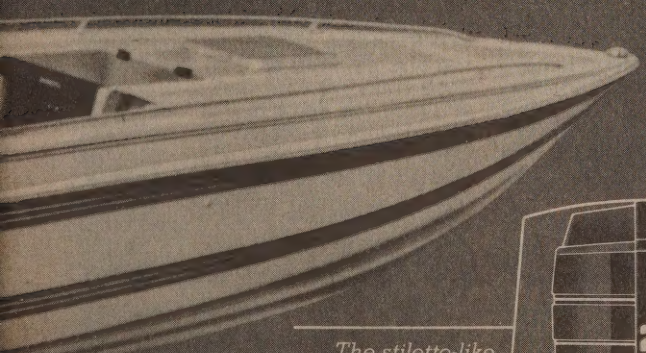

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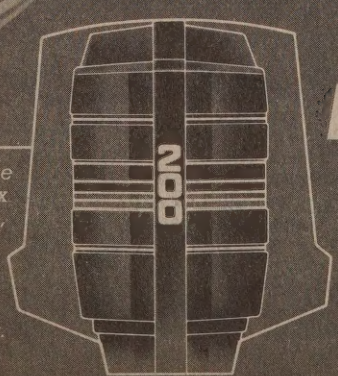

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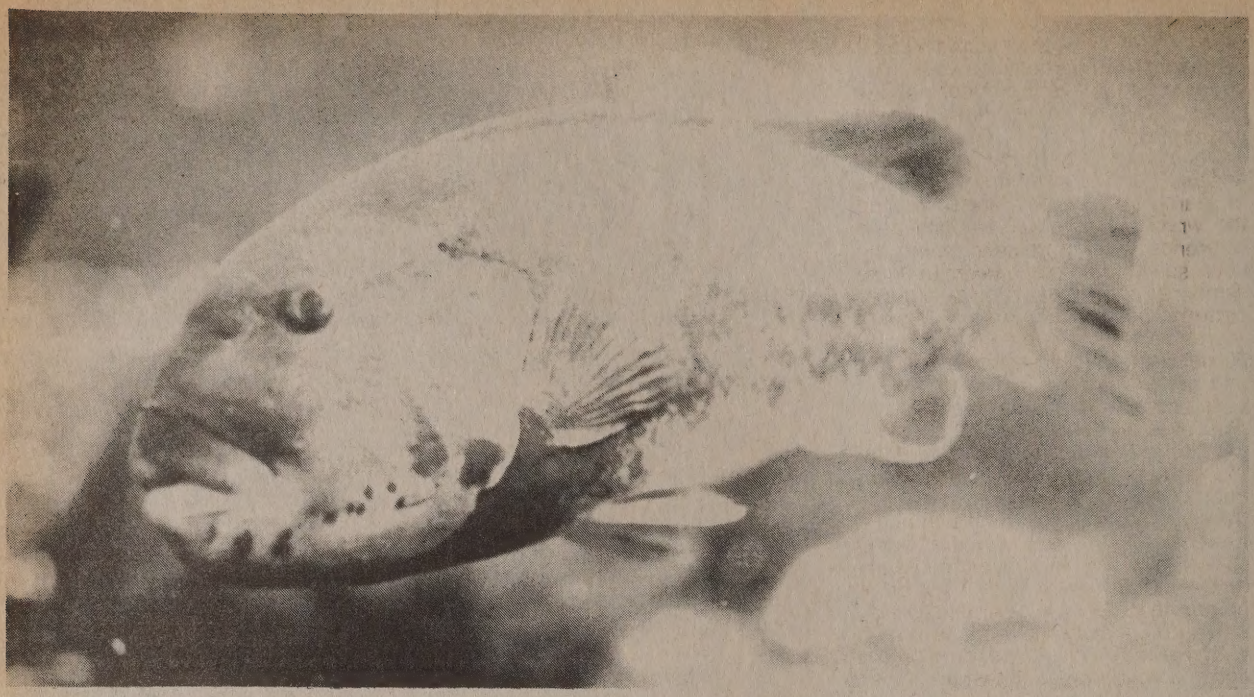


TREASURE HUNT FOR BLACK GOLD

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

It's interesting to note that even many years ago, successful party boat skippers realized the advantages of putting their fares over productive wrecks to fill all those buttertubs. In my book those skipper's navigational skills ranked second to none for their uncanny ability to locate wrecks navigating by time and compass alone, long before depth recorders and electronic navigational systems were a reality.

Today, relatively inexpensive yet sophisticated loran systems point your boat in the right direction, alarms sound when you've reached your pre-determined destination and chart recorders print out clear pictures of what's beneath the hull, all with a mere push of a button. Serious anglers consider these instruments necessities rather than luxuries. Without beating around the bulkhead any longer, if you're equipped with state of the art electronics, then you're missing the boat if you don't take advantage of the abundance of blackfish and other structure oriented fish that are found on many of the south shore's inshore wrecks.

The hard part is motivating you enough to do the required homework to chart, and then physically locate some of these wrecks on your own. If you are a regular reader of The Fisherman, I hope you have been reading John Raguso's excellent series of articles on the history and location of wrecks native to our waters. I know I have. By now you should be aware that any wreck has the potential to become the first essential ingredient in the biological food chain that usually results in a healthy resident population of fish. This knowledge alone should be enough of an enticement to dispatch you on your own "piscatorial treasure hunt." Granted you are going to have to spend some fishless time pinpointing the exact location of the wreck while acquiring your own set of TD, but after you fish those numbers, I'm sure you'll agree it will be time well spent.

Just by scanning the chart of the Bight, Sandy Hook, the Ambrose Tower area and the Rockaways, you'll notice plenty of wrecks worthy of investigation scattered about. Further east, two more popular wrecks are the T-Wreck just east of Jones Inlet and the Roda Wreck, located midway between Jones and Fire Island inlets. These two are probably the most popular south shore wrecks because they are relatively easy to find. They may be good places to start your wreck fishing careers, but be advised that since they are so popular they endure a lot of fishing pressure. So if you have a slow day while anchored over either of these wrecks, you'll know why.

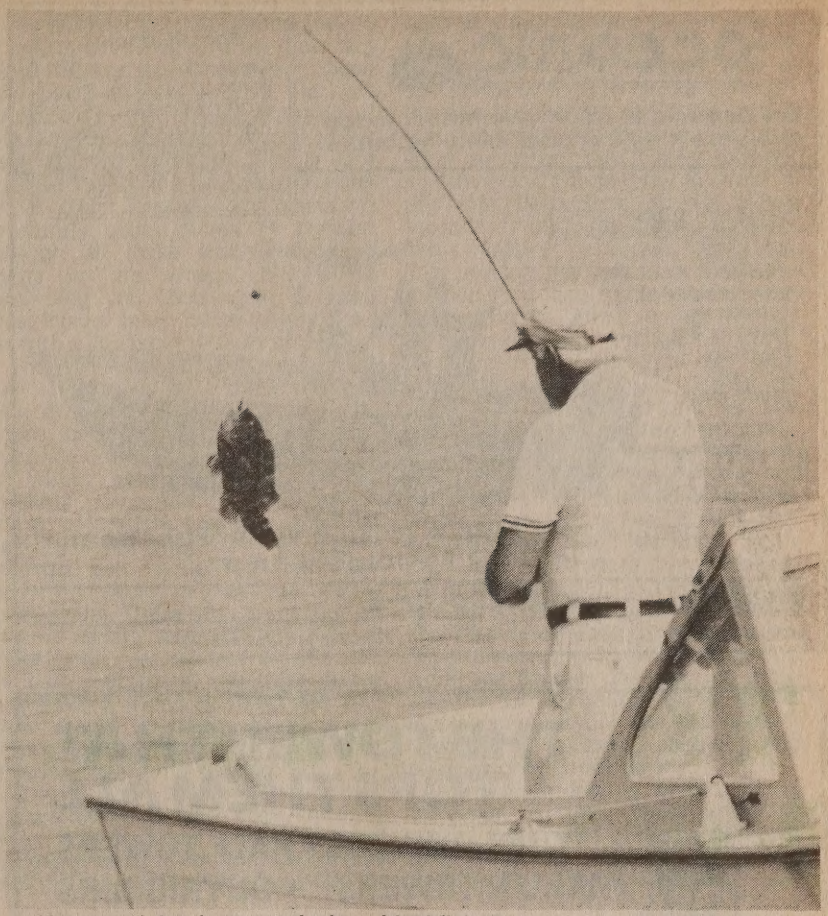
The easiest way to come upon some reliable wreck numbers is to hope you find some generous fishing buddy willing to share the wealth with you. Good Luck! Little known wrecks are probably the most productive, unfortunately their locations are kept closely guarded secrets. Let's suppose you're going to embark on a wreck finding mission of your own. I'm also going to assume you have a good chart recorder and a loran unit and that you know how to use them. Once you have located the wreck you want to find on your chart, plot the loran coordinates and lay your course. Careful attention to details will increase accuracy but don't expect the image of the hull to pop out on the chart paper the moment you're over the numbers.

As soon as you are directly over the numbers (or as **close** to them as you can get), drop a marker buoy over the side to mark the spot. Very efficient yet inexpensive marker buoys can be made from discarded Clorox bleach bottles or better yet, those yellow bottles automobile anti-freeze comes in. You will need a few and it's always a good idea to keep some at hand on the boat at all times. Old window sash weights make great anchors for your marker buoys and any kind of nylon

cord will suffice. Just make sure you use enough of line between your buoy and anchor to cover the depth of the water (and then some) that you'll be prospecting in.

Once your first buoy is securely anchored on the numbers you'll have to search the immediate area to find the wreck. Use your first buoy as a reference point and keep enlarging your search pattern outward. Some skippers prefer to run a circular pattern, but we feel that a square search pattern or grid with a series of 90 degree turns is easier to execute and more thorough in the long run. While doing this, have someone keep their eyes glued to the chart recorder for the first sign of an obstruction on the bottom. If you can persuade a buddy with another boat to join in on the search party it will make things a lot easier. When you mark some structure on the bottom, immediately drop another marker buoy. It is often helpful to define the perimeter of the structure in question and outline it with marker buoys. Depending on the age and condition of the wreck, don't expect to see a very clear outline of the hull on your chart paper. Most of the time all you can expect to see is just a rise or lump on the ocean floor. Newer wrecks will show more definition than older ones. When we are pretty sure that the structure below is our wreck, we'll drop a bottom rig with some old rusty hooks and light line over the side and hope for a snag. If we feel we're directly over pay dirt, we assess the wind and current situation and try to anchor upcurrent and drift back as close to the buoy (that marks the main structure) as possible. When we are satisfied that we are anchored correctly, then we punch the coordinates into the memory of our loran and also record them in a log book. From now on, use those numbers for the location of **your** wreck. You must realize that you'll only have to go through this routine once for each wreck, so be precise. Your first trip to a new wreck will probably be somewhat exasperating and sometimes even frustrating. But if you find a good one you'll be constantly on the lookout for more! Once you have your own set of numbers for a wreck, the accuracy of your numbers should be within 50 to 100 feet with a decent loran.

During the colder months blackfish winter offshore over structure in deeper water (70 to 100 ft.) where the water temperature is less frigid and more comfortable for their metabolism. As the inshore waters begin to warm, blackfish start their seasonal migration to shallow water structure. This is when every jetty, rock pile and bridge on the south shore hosts its own population of blackfish. Undoubtedly you'll catch your share of blackfish on these structures in the spring and fall, but if you want to cash in on some excellent action with Old Chiseltooth throughout the warmer months, you should think about exploring some inshore wrecks situated in 40 to 70 feet of water which are less than a lunch hour's run off the beach. Blackfish love to conceal themselves in the nooks and crannies of sunken hulks. Some of these fish grow to impressive sizes feasting on the barnacles, mussels and other crustaceans that are attracted to these old decaying hulks. If this doesn't provoke you to get off your stern and find some of these wrecks, I surrender!



Veteran sinker bouncer decks a blackfish taken from an inshore wreck.

When you are finally over the wreck, action should be forthcoming immediately. Should you find no takers within a couple of minutes, don't panic. Try a short cast or underhand flip or two out away from your boat. These fish are intent on holding their territorial ground so they won't budget 5 or 10 feet to chase a bait. If you don't drop the bait right in front of their nose, try seeking them out. Sometimes the layout of the wreck dictates that only a section of it will produce fish. This may entail reanchoring or just paying out some additional anchor line. Close inspection of your chart paper may indicate the fish are stacked up in the lee of the downcurrent side of the wreck or slightly off to the side of the wreck. It is not uncommon to have a couple of sets of numbers for a big wreck. I know of one wreck that's broken into three sections and each section has its own set of numbers. One section produces many average size fish while another piece definitely produces fewer but bigger fish. The last piece is usually fished to settle the pool. There aren't many around but these fish are really considered "Tackle Busting Tod!" Each wreck has its own individual personality and must be fished accordingly. Keep your main marker buoy in place to use as a reference point while undertaking a move. Just remember to retrieve it when you leave. Once again, it is possible that the bigger wrecks have broken down into sections while others will be no more than a little rise on the bottom due to the shifting sands of time. While exploring these wrecks with your chart recorder, be sure to keep the paper running at full speed with the gain set high enough for that second echo for best definition of the structure.

Pound for pound, blackfish are one of the toughest battlers around, so leave the spinning rods at home and bring some stout conventional gear. A good 5½ to 6½ foot fast taper S-glass rod should do the trick. Just make sure the rod you select has a beefy enough tip to handle 4 to 8 ounce sinkers and plenty of backbone to stop that "tog" in its tracks! Whatever reel you use be forewarned that it's gotta have guts. You need strong gears, a medium speed gear ratio and a smooth reliable drag

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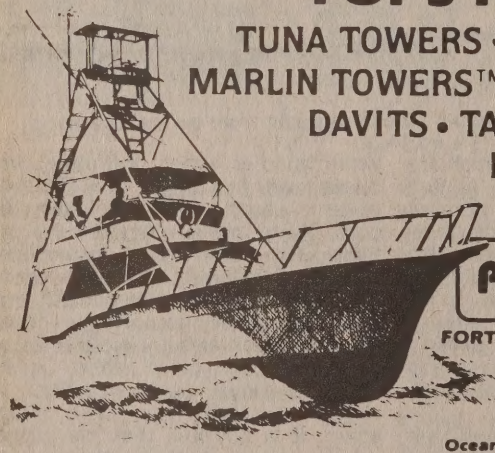

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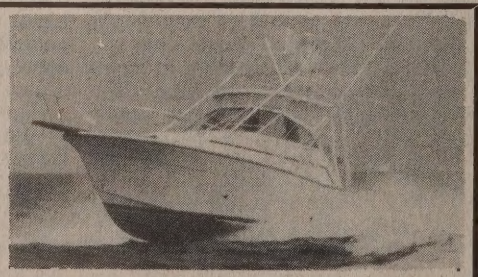

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The business end of your rig need not be elaborate. As a matter of fact, the less hardware the better! No need to use fancy snaps or swivels, they'll just invite trouble with snags in the wreck. The Virginia styled hook is the universally accepted pattern for blackfish wherever they may roam. Hook sizes range from size #6 hooks for small and medium size fish up to #4 hooks for the real tackle busters. Bear in mind that those anglers who take the time out to sharpen their hooks right out of the package and are conscientious about keeping them that way do most of the damage to the blackfish population. The traditional two hook tandem tied bottom rig, tied about 3 inches above a suitable weight bank sinker is the way to go. Very simple yet effective. If your wreck is particularly sticky, you might opt for a single hook rig. Don't be stingy with lead either, use enough to keep your bait firmly anchored on the bottom.

If you've ever tried to break off a snagged rig of 25 lb. test line before, you know you're in for quite a tussle. Because snagged rigs are synonymous with blackfishing, we add a very simple modification to the basic bottom rig to save time, hooks and aggravation. Start with a basic overhand loop at the end of the line for your sinker. Now about an inch above that, tie a simple overhand knot in your line. Then an inch or two above that, form another smaller overhand loop (or dropper loop if you prefer) for your hooks and connect them in the usual manner. This little overhand knot (between your hooks and sinker) will enable your line to cut through itself in the unfortunate event of a snag. This little trick will save a lot of time, effort and possibly even a rod, while trying to break off a snagged rig. It works equally well on mono or dacron line. If you doubt the effectiveness of this modification, try this little trick with a piece of 50 or 80 lb. mono and I'll bet you can break it with your bare hands! It's a good idea to use this breakaway knot on your rigs whenever you're fishing over rough bottom. Trying to break off a snagged rig should always be your last resort. Sometimes when you're stuck, try releasing the tension on your tackle and let out some slack line

for a few seconds. Then slowly take up your slack and if you're lucky enough you might be able to retrieve your rig unharmed. This is also a good tactic to remember when an overly aggressive blackfish heads for the cozy confines of his favorite hiding place before you have a chance to turn his head. This incidentally, is when you'll be grateful your reel has a moderate gear ratio which will give you more leverage when you try to winch a wayward tog away from the wreck.

When blackfish are our quarry, crabs are our bait. Fiddler crabs are the most common and easily available blackfish bait. Most of the time they are sold by the pint or the quart. Once you've found your own wreck, you'll resort to buying them by the gallon! Fiddlers are a good all around bait as small and medium blackfish dine on them regularly and big fish like them for appetizers. The proper way to hook a fiddler crab is through the rear of the shell. You can break off the large claw, insert the hook there and bring the hook point out the back of the shell. **Make sure** the point of that hook is exposed! If you'd rather concentrate on catching bigger blackfish you'll have to use bigger baits. Green crabs are found in most well stocked tackle shops and are considered top table fare for big blackfish. The smaller green crabs can be used whole, while you'll have to remove the top part of the shell from the larger ones and cut them in halves or quarters. We remove the claw bug leave the legs on. Once again, hook your piece of crab through the hole left vacant by the removal of the claw, just remember to keep the point of the hook exposed as before. This is very important when it's time for that hook to penetrate. Because your hooks are constantly being dulled by passing through all those crab shells and snags in the wreck, it's worth reminding you once again to keep those hooks sharp by touching them up with a file from time to time.

There is another crab that is not too well known for its effectiveness as bait but is immortal nonetheless. Those pesky calico crabs, such a nuisance while fluke and flounder are top flight baits for pool winning blackfish. Because of their softer shells, blackfish consider them a delicacy and they are a highly regarded bait on the Regina M. Use them the same way as you would green crabs. These baits are so potent that we usually make a few drifts for them in the inlet using strips of squid for bait. I prefer to use fresh calico crabs but a friend of mine has had good results stocking up on them while fluke and flounder fishing and freezing them until needed.

Blackfish by far are the toughest bottom dwelling fish to hook. In order to be victorious you must keep your rig anchored firmly on the bottom and as still as possible. Keep your line as tight as a high tension wire, ready to telegraph the quickest nibble. It takes some experience and a great deal of concentration to differentiate between the bite of a bergall and the tug of a tog! A bergall will give you just one short quick rap. You'll have to work on convincing yourself not to strike at this time. Be patient and wait a few seconds. If that was indeed a blackfish instead of a bergall, right now he's passing the bait from his buck-toothed front teeth to his back crusher teeth located down in his throat. You'll know soon enough. A good, solid tug is your signal to rear back with all your might and "cross his eyes." If you succeed and set the hook in the tough mouth of a tautog, his first reaction will be to head back from where he came! Keep your rod high and try to turn his head. Here is where 90 percent of the fish are lost. Once you're turned his head, don't relax; you're not out of the woods yet. Keep the pressure on. He'll test the quality of your drag system with a few short but determined bursts of power. Big blackfish should always be netted while the smaller ones can be lifted into the boat by grabbing the leader. Keep an eye on your line and leaders, checking for abrasions regularly and re-rigging when necessary.

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NORTH BAR FLATTIES

by John Fritz

The waters flowing past North Bar have long provided Montauk surf fishermen with an excellent opportunity to seek the three glamour fish of the surf. This fact is recognized by countless surfmen, both locally and those traveling a considerable distance. What is not so widely known is that another species inhabits these same waters. A species less renowned for its fighting ability but one which many profess to hold great appeal as table fare. I know flounder fillets are more welcome in my house; striped bass in the pot engenders a comment such as "I'm not hungry tonight!" Fillet size flounder are not likely to be ignored by very many anglers. True, there are not many who would journey to Montauk just to fish the beach for flounder, but as a pastime, while waiting out the night tides, it is hard to beat.

Most late spring plugging takes place from a short while before sunset till shortly after sunrise. Since most anglers spend more than one night, after making the trip to the Point, the daylight hours, after rest, refreshments and tackle repair are addressed, offer ample periods of free time. These flounder, like most species of fish, respond well under a given set of conditions. An ebbing tide leads this list, while an increase of wind and surf decreases the amount of fish on the beach. In reality, pretty much the same conditions conducive to good early season fishing. High tide around midday would permit an angler to sleelp late, play with the flounder in the afternoon, be ready to fish Jones Reef at sunset and the Light on the flood after dark. After a short break, Shagwong should be right for the wee hours. A routine itinerary for many hard working surfmen but one which might be a bit too strenuous for the average surf cast. Most anglers opt to fish only part of the night leaving time to engage in daylight pursuits.

The most favorable time to partake in the excellent flounder run off North Bar generally coincides with the start of the spring bass run, approximately the third week of May. The temperature of the inshore waters bears a direct relationship to the onset of the flounder's movement towards the open sea.

At any rate, at this time of the year the surfcaster, after weeks of graspin at straws, is now torn in his desire to be in all places at all times. Striped bass now encircle the Island with weakfish showing signs of life on the southern portion of Long Island, cocktail blues at any place at any time. Add to this a good run of hefty flounder and it's hard to ignore Montauk at this stage of the season.

Unfortunately for most of us, a journey to the Point is no quick trip around the corner. While flounder are less discriminating than the wary striped bass, there are certain items required to ensure a reasonable chance of success. Much of what is needed can be obtained at Johnny's Tackle in town, for many though, it is only a matter of including the necessary items among the gear stowed in the truck. My trips to Montauk are laden with sufficient equipment for a trip to Mt. Everest. Of major importance is a rod capable of handling any contingency, whether it be tossing a 4 inch Rebel at Shagwong or a 3 ounce Bottle plug under the Light.

Fishing the surf at Montauk at this time of the year tends to be an activity pursued with relatively light tackle, light, that is, for Montauk. Generally 8 to 10 foot rods, capable of casting 5 to 7 inch minnow shaped swimmers, are favored. Those anglers preferring the more sturdy blanks can simply add the appropriate terminal gear and fish for flounder. If the rod used for plugging is not capable of casting a 4 oz. weight, such a rod should then be included among your equipment.

The 4 oz. weight in question is the sinker, not just any sinker mind you, but a pencil sinker. In a pinch, a bank or pyramid sinker, the latter being the last choice, may be used but the shape of these weights increases the chance of it becoming wedged among the rocks. The slender, cylindrical shape of the pencil sinker will keep losses at a minimum while presenting a stationary bait, so often a prime requisite when seeking winter flounder. Not every tackle shop receives a call for this type sinker, therefore, they might be an item not found at

Sal Pantaleone shows a typical North Bar flattie taken last June.

your local bait shop. Johnny's in Montauk invariably carries a supply of these unique weights for, contrary to popular belief, quite a bit of bottom fishing takes place among the rocky ledges and coves which surround Montauk Point.

Flounder spreaders and similar hardware have no place when fishing the rugged bottom at North Bar. In fact the greater the number of unnecessary items discarded the better, a terminal loop large enough for the sinker and a dropper loop immediately above for the snell of the hook, is sufficient. In an effort to double their chance of success, many flounder fishermen form a dropper loop in the snell of one hook, to which a second hook is then added. The addition of a yellow bead, to simulate a kernel of corn, or a split shot, to keep the baited hook on the bottom, is usually not required. If such trinkets are available they might help when the fish are choosy.

The specific size of the Chestertown hook is not too critical but it should be a size or two larger than that used in the western bays. Remember, these are good sized flounder heading seaward from such flatfish hotspots are Promised Land, Napeague and Gardiner's. This casual approach to flounder fishing may not get me the best results, but then it's only a fill in for what the trip to Montauk is all about.

It should be noted that a sturdy metal sand spike is recommended, it is difficult to implant a flimsy spike in the rocky shore of North Bar. True, it would take a mighty big flounder to take a rod down but a poorly set spike can fall of its own accord.

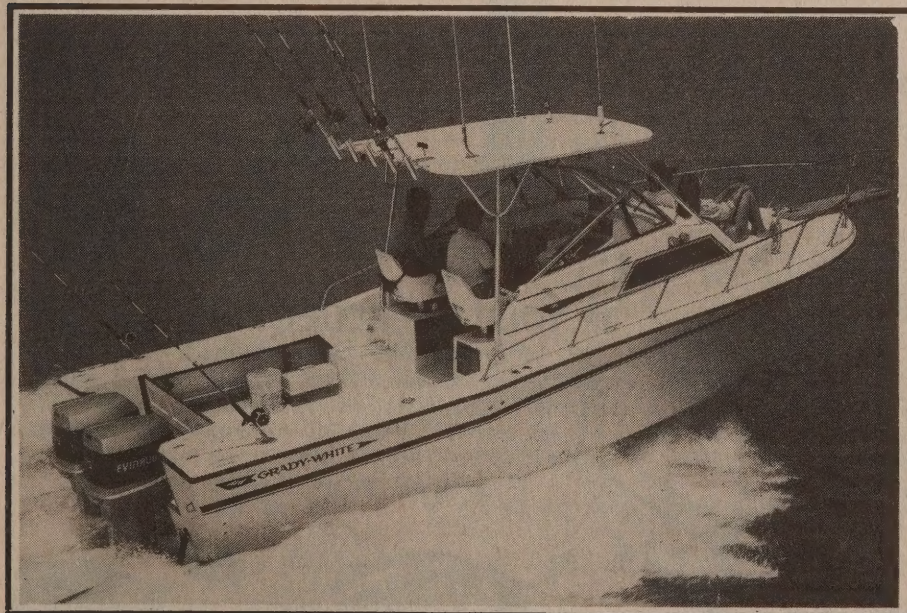
The choice of bait most flounder fishermen favor is the sand worms, a commodity unable to be purchased at Montauk. All marine worms, whether they be sand or blood, should be brought from up-Island. With a little care even the perishable sand worm will last through a long weekend. They should be kept cool and fairly dry, never in the direct sun or in water. As a substitute, strips of clam, particularly dyed clam can be somewhat effective. Clams can be purchased locally and at certain times will produce equally well as worms for as any fisherman knows, fishing can have its frustrating moments. It always seems that what you don't have produces the best.

On some days it is necessary to let the bait lie absolutely still in order for it to induce a hit. When this tactic fails to initiate a response, try lifting the rod tip ever so slowly while moving the bait towards the shore. At times, the flounder will attack the bait aggressively; on others just lie there and suck the bait in, offering little evidence of their presence. A fine touch is required at such times, something not easily accomplished when fishing in the ocean, a task sometimes achieved by strict attention to the rod, coupled with a periodic lifting of the rod tip.

The favored location of those anglers knowledgeable about fishing the Bar is the pocket situated between the point of North Bar and the start of the rip formed by False Bar. It seems the poor swimming flatties lurk in the relatively calm waters between these two powerful rips, waiting for tidbits to be washed their way. Another area which can produce its share of flounder, should the former area be unfishable, is Clark's Cove, just to the left of the point of North Bar. The bottom here does support a growth of kelp which may cost the angler a few rigs if he is unlucky, but it is nothing which cannot be handled.

At the height of the run, this area draws a contingent of tin boat fishermen. The fleet usually anchors beyond normal casting range where they will be seen bailing fish while inshore it may be a slow pick. At such times it may be necessary to don the waders and push seaward in an effort to reach more productive waters. Generally though, short boots and a moderate cast will ensure a supply of fillets.

Montauk is many things to many people. To surf fishermen it's a place which repeatedly offers eye-opening opportunitites. Fishing for flounder from the shore at North Bar is but one minor facet of the total Montauk picture. It is an activity which adds to the complete Montauk experience.



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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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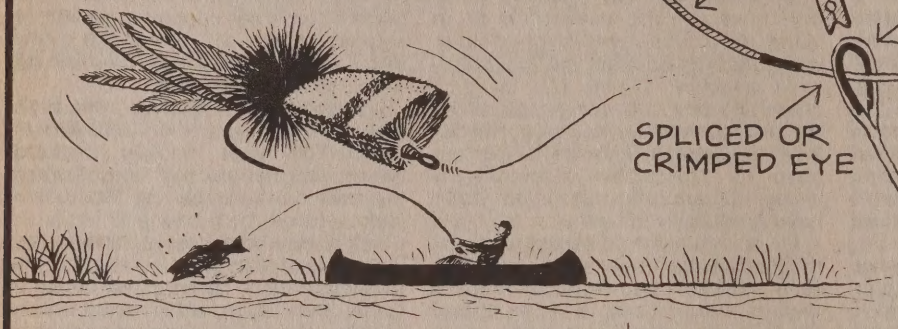

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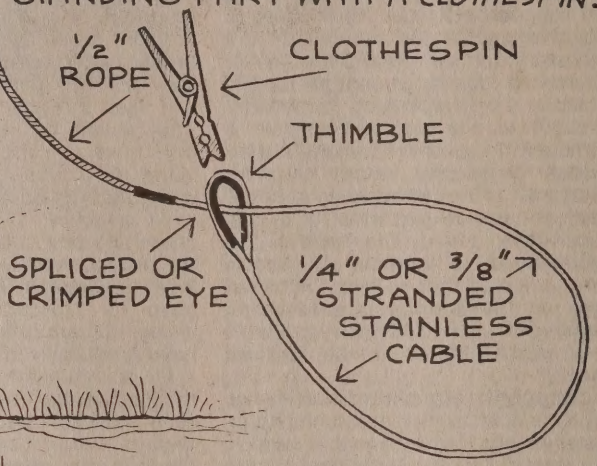
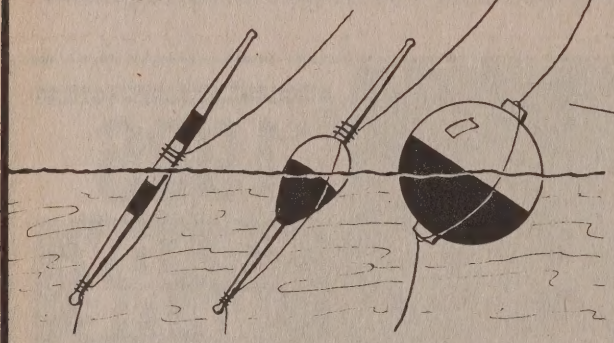
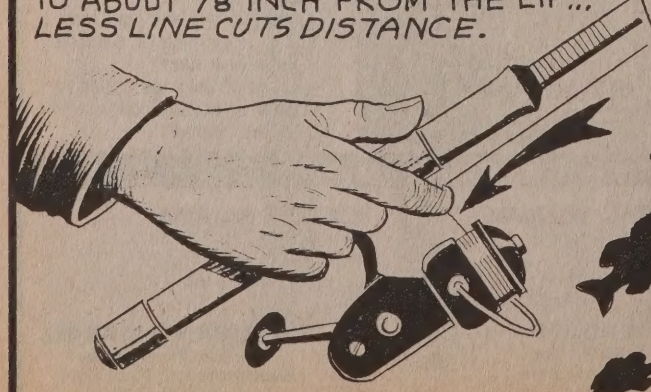


ALWAYS USE THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE BOBBER WHEN STILL FISHING WITH BAIT FOR PANFISH. IT TELEGRAPHS THE FIRST NIBBLE INSTANTLY AND DOESN'T SPOOK THE FISH BY TOO MUCH RESISTANCE. *THIN*, RATHER THAN ROUND, TYPES ARE BEST.



SMEARING THE SPOON OR SPINNER BLADE WITH A GREASE PENCIL MAKES A DARK COATING THAT LASTS ALL DAY AND EASILY WIPES OFF. MANY FISHERMEN BELIEVE THAT DARK DULL LURES WORK BETTER THAN SHINY ONES IN CLEAR WATER.

IF YOU CAN'T HEAVE A SPINNING LURE AS FAR AS YOU'D LIKE, THEN CHECK FOR MECHANICAL REASONS. MAYBE THE LURE'S TOO LIGHT OR THE LINE TOO HEAVY OR BOTH. FILL THE REEL SPOOL TO ABOUT 1/8 INCH FROM THE LIP... *LESS LINE CUTS DISTANCE.*



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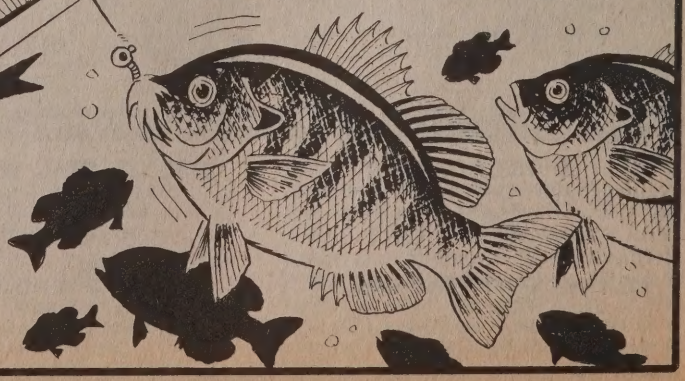

TROUT AND SALMON OF LAKE GEORGE

by Jim White & John Jollie

If you haven't had the opportunity yet to fish the Lake George area of New York, you really ought to consider a trip there at some time, because you don't know what you're missing.

Lake George located in Warren County, has everything a fisherman could ask for in one spot, plus lots to do for mom and the kids.

The area's fishery consists of lake trout, landlock salmon, rainbows, browns, brookies, pike, tiger muskie, large and smallmouth bass. Not to mention a great panfishery. It's awfully close to heaven as far as I'm concerned.

First, if you're not familiar with fishing big water for salmon or trout, I'd strongly recommend hiring a professional guide to increase your chances of success. You can spend a lot of time searching and guessing, trying to find these elusive salmonids.

On our most recent trip, my wife Nancy and I fished with Cliff Steele of Ellsworth Fishing Guide Service based at Ellsworth Sport Shop, located on Rt. 9 between exits 20 and 21 of I-87. The Ellsworth family, son Jamie and his father, Jim, have been at it for 49 years, so they know fish and fishing. At their headquarters, they have seven fully equipped boats piloted by seven New York State licensed guides. Cliff was one of those guides.

Charters are half and full days. Half days are 5 full hours of fishing and full days are 9 hours plus up to two hours for preparation and trip conclusion. That's something you don't find often these days, so you definitely get your money's worth.

On our first morning we left promptly at 6AM and headed towards the salmon grounds, which Cliff had told us was really hot lately. Along the way he explained how fishing was really making a phenomenal comeback due to the revitalization of the native smelt population. Salmon, he said, were up in weight 21 percent over last year; lake trout up 5 percent; and bass up an unbelievable 10 percent. Right now the record landlock salmon on the lake is 19 lbs. 3 oz., caught on four pound test line in August, 1981 and is currently awaiting world record line class status.

I guess at this point it's important to understand what makes Lake George what it is. Lake George is not really a lake at all, but a glacial fissure 32 miles long and fed by thousands upon thousands of artesian wells and springs that produce cool, clear water. In fact, it's so clear that residents of Lake George living along the shore use the lake as drinking water. The lake is 201 feet deep and has over 350 islands; it has perfect habitat and structure, providing an ideal setting

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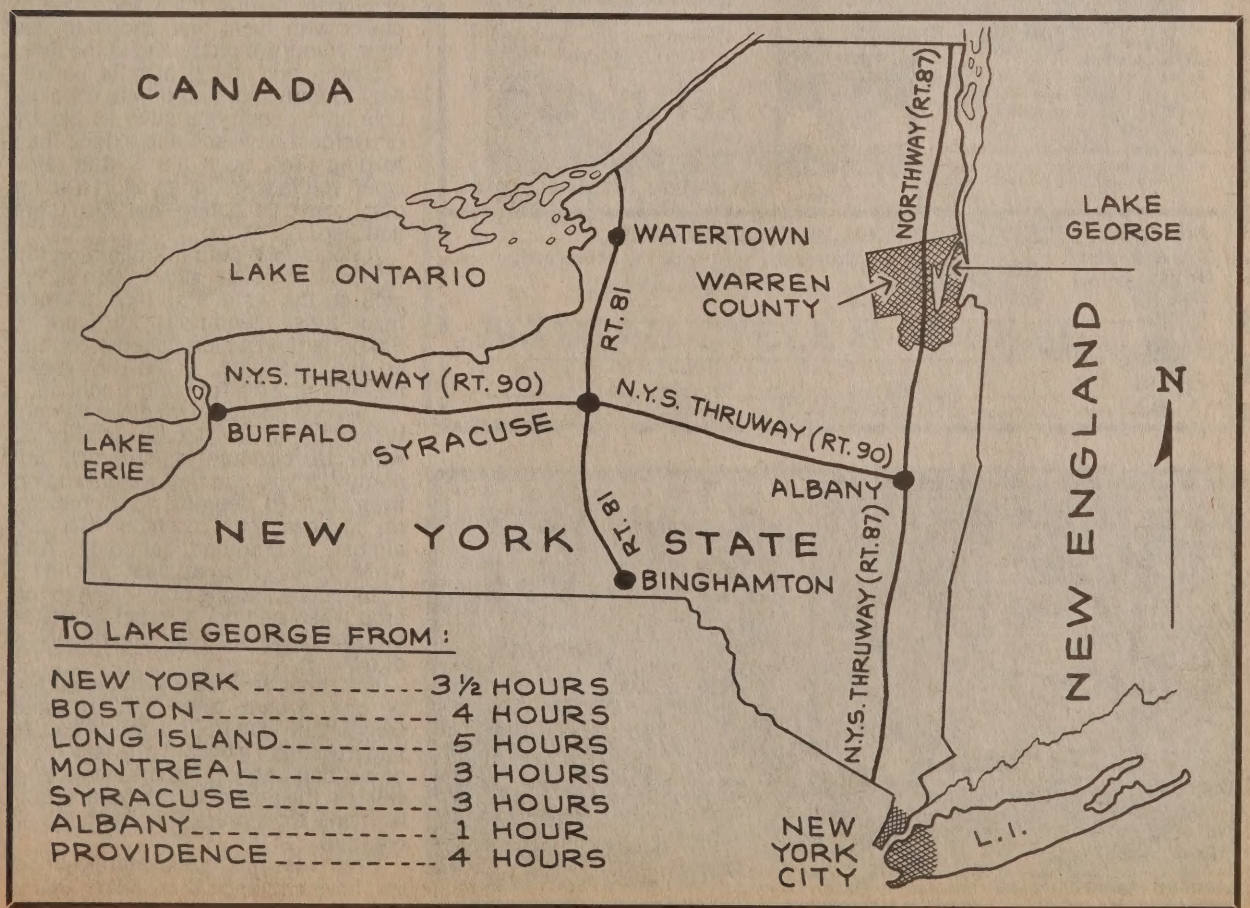

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We began by trolling smelt imitation streamers, then switching to Mooselook wobblers on downriggers. On our first pass, we hooked a beautiful 6 pounder which shot out of the water like a cannon ball. A few minutes later the fish was free, throwing the hook on a spectacular leap.

My wife Nancy was next to connect with a nice 5 pound landlock, which put on a real good show before coming to net, and then released. In the next hour and a half, we boated six more landlocks of roughly the same size. No trophies, but a lot of fun.

If you bring your own boat and go it alone, there's a few things to keep in mind while salmon fishing. Spring and fall are by far the best times of the year for these fish. Fishing from 5 to 35 feet down will produce the most fish. Bait can be used. Live or dead live bait should be lip-hooked for drifting and dead bait should be sewn on for trolling. Lures are also effective in Lake George and like other forms of salmon and trout fishing having an assortment of various colors and sizes counts. Smelt pattern streamers are extremely popular here in single or tandem setups. It's a good idea to check with local bait shops to see what colors are producing at the time.

Spring and fall fishing is usually best in early morning or late evening. Low light conditions such as cloudy or overcast days seem to extend their feeding time; so if it's a little rainy when you're there, don't sit in a warm cozy room or cabin—get out there and fish.

If conditions permit, trolling on top is best if there's a slight chop or ripples on the water's surface. Salmon favor these conditions for feeding. Small baitfish which become confused and disoriented in the wind make for easy picking for hungry salmon.

Two last points on landlock fishing. When trying to locate landlocks, water temperature is extremely important. If you can find water ranging from 58 to 61 degrees, your chances of success and catching fish are almost guaranteed (almost). And while trolling keep at least one line 8 to 15 feet behind the boat, close to the prop wash and don't forget to troll a bit faster than usual for other species of trout.

Our other adversary was the number one sought after fish in Lake George: the lake trout. A tough fighter and a gourmet's delight, the lake trout offers fine angling opportunities and will test the best of a fisherman's skill in trying to capture this deep water creature.

Only twice during the entire year do you have a chance of catching lakers

here off of the bottom. During spring and fall, he will come to the surface where he can be taken on streamers, spoons, plugs and bait. Fly fishing is also very effective at this time; however, from interviews with local fishermen, this does not last long and you almost have to be lucky to catch the right time. The majority of fish come from deep water holes, trolling with lead core line or with downriggers. During the summer they can be found down to 180 feet. That's what I call a deep water fish.

We were only lucky enough to hook up with two lakers: one of four pounds and another of about six. They were the first lakers I've ever caught and they surprised me in their fighting ability and stamina.

Best fishing for lakers here starts around mid-April after the ice begins to melt. Trolling and drifting the surface down to 40 feet near the mouths of smelt streams will produce the most action. If you fish from shore, you should also try to concentrate your efforts in the same areas.

For bait fishermen, live and rigged shiners are very effective, either drifting or trolling. And worms trailering on spoons is also another effective method. Trolled or drifted live (shiners) are the main baitfish used to tempt larger lakers here. The use of smelt, live or dead, is prohibited.

Basically, the same methods for taking landlocks are used for the lakers, except that when you're trolling you should troll slower, trying to make your bait or lure work similar to a spent smelt.

When fishing from shore or drift trolling in early spring, cast up into smelt spawning streams and let your bait drift or wash out as naturally as possible—as if it were a smelt returning to the lake.

Summer is probably the hardest time to take lakers, especially if it gets really hot. Lake trout will lay near or right on the bottom. To get them to hit you must be as close to the fish and bottom as possible. If you're not used to it, this can be quite difficult and this is where a guide is worth his charter. You couldn't possibly learn in a week's vacation what he knows from fishing everyday. On really hot days, lakers will often hold suspended just off the bottom or in a thermocline of preferred water temperature. During these times, they are slow to feed and do not strike a lure very well. Recently, a popular method being used by knowledgeable fishermen, is to jig or spoon dunk a lure through a school while wind drifting. What this is, is just like jigging for fluke or freshwater crappies, nothing more. However, this is still the hardest time of all to take lakers.

So there's a look at Lake George, a great place for a family vacation and to get in some fine fishing at the same time. For more information on fishing, lodging, guide services, contact Warren County Department of Tourism, 878, Lake George, NY 12845. Phone is (518) 761-6366.

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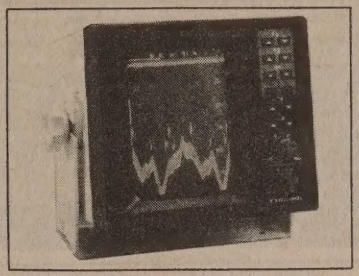

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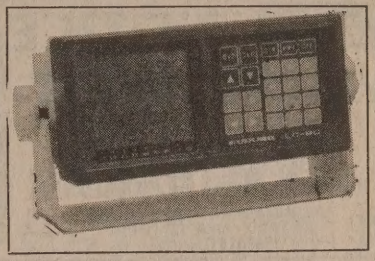

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with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Strong winds, bad tides, heavy rains, fog and rough seas all played a part in cancelling many weekend plans. Highlighting this week's catches, of course, is the seven-hundred pound mako shark caught on the **Cricket II**. Sharking attempts on the weekend provided very good blue shark action at the fourty fathom line. Inshore, fluke were reported at Montauk, with good action also at Gardiner's Island and Southold bays. Porgies are showing. Flounder are steady. Sea bass and blackfish remain good. Local cod catches are increasing.

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The first large mako shark of the season was caught on the charter boat **Cricket II** with Captain Frank (Monster Man) Mundus, on an overnight trip last week. According to a spokesman from **Montauk Marine Basin**, Captain Mundus was attempting to entice a large white shark to take a bait, when the mako came from

Neil Van Ginhoven, right, and Capt. Jack Passie with a 48 pound cod taken aboard the Montauk charter boat Windy back on May 19.

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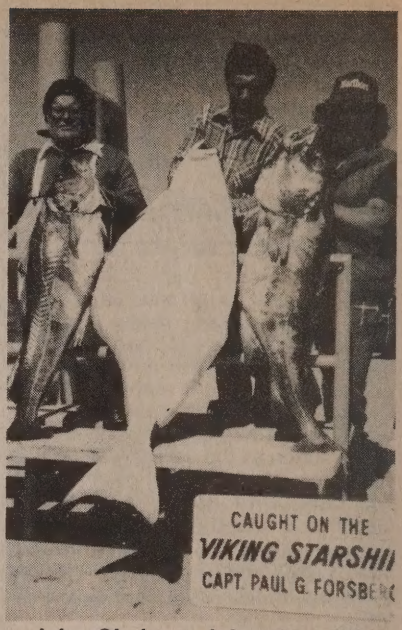

John Girolamo, left, with a 43 pound cod, Joe Gorman, right, with a 48 pounder and Karl Baumie with a super flatfish—a halibut of 55 pounds. All were taken aboard the Viking Starship during the May 13 "Valley of the Giants" trip.

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no where and gobbled up the bait. After a one and a half hour battle, the fish was gaffed. Vital Statistics: weight-700 pounds, length-12½ feet (from nose to fork), girth-61 inchs. The fish was reportedly caught around the fourty fathom line. Rod Taylor was the lucky angler.

Captain's Cove Marina reported very good action with bluesharks. The charter fleet has had good, steady action, catching, tagging and releasing six to eight sharks per boat (**Mako Express**, **My Mate**, **Mistress Too**). Joan Jones also heard of steady bluefish, sea bass, blackfish and flounder catches, whenever the weather allowed.

Richard Berk spoke of a nice catch made at New Grounds by Bruce Senster of Seaford on his boat berthed at **Montauk Marine Basin**. A total of fifty-six sea bass and thirty blackfish were put into the fishbox.

Tom Jordan, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina**, lamented that bad weather, fog, wind, rain, etc., held down the weekend's fishing attempts. However, the crew of the "Partnership" ventured out on Sunday, and using mussel and clam bait, located nice blackfish in the four to eight pound range with flounder to three and a half pounds. All action took place north of the Point.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** found good blue shark action at the fourty fathom line with Ken Healey of Lynbrook and his friends. The group tagged and released eight blue sharks to about two-hundred pounds.

Captain Bob Storc fished the south

side and Rocky Point areas on the **Caprice** Saturday with Mike and Gary Lobato. The group had a very nice catch of large sea bass plus thirty-six snowshoe flounder to three pounds in weight.

Captain Gene Kelly, speaking for the Montauk Boatmen's Association, wishes to thank all those who helped make the 30th Annual Blessing of the Fleet an outstanding success. Over on one hundred boats participated. Commercial fishing boats, charter boats, head boats, private craft and skiffs.

Captain Charlie Nappi (the Duke of Fluke) lived up to his reputation on the weekend. While fishing with Percy Heath, the pair located nine fluke ranging from four to six pounds fishing local Montauk waters.

Captain John DeMaio concentrated on bottom fishing this week, finding very good sea bass mixed with blackfish. On the weekend, three anglers caught one and a half bushels of sea bass, a bushel of blackfish and a dozen flounder. Sunday's charter group on the **Vivienne** kept only large sea bass and still had a bushel, with many blackfish over three pounds. Captain John remarked that porgies are making a showing, and that flounder still persist.

Captain Michael Potts reports plenty of bluefish on Montauk's south side providing action on the **Bluefin IV**. Flounder remain steadyd at the point, with good catches.

Captain Gene Kelly fished the Block Island area on the **Kellyboat** over the weekend, loading up on bluefish. Friday's half day trip accounted for over two dozen blues, while a full day effort on Saturday bagged ninety. Although most of the fish average five to six pounds, several twelve pounders were in each day's catch.

Henry Uihlein of **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** stated that bottom fishing is very good, when weather cooperates. Fluke are showing, flounder remain

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steady, sea bass and blacks are in. There is a showing of porgies, with plenty of bluefish around to fall back on.

On a half day fishing trip on Saturday, the Ach group of Bayside caught two dozen sea bass to three and a half pounds, two dozen jumbo porgies and a dozen flounder on clam bait on the charter boat **Fisherman II**, with Captain Paul.

Captain Bill Ricca felt catches were down on Saturday because of poor weather and fishing conditions. However, Howard Menkes of Howard Beach and his friends did manage twenty-one flounder to two pounds, with nine blackfish, fishing under the lighthouse. On Sunday, with better weather and fishing conditions, the **Allyssa Ann** fished the lighthouse and local Montauk waters with Matt Reid of Huntington. Fourty-one flounder (top weight two and three quarters) with blackfish and porgies, were put into the cooler.

A group of New York City fireman, from the 72nd fire district in the Bronx fished on the **King Wayne** for a barrel full of flounder, blackfish and sea bass. Sunday's charter with the Valley Stream Fishing Club found cod and blues at the CIA Grounds. Steven Aptacker took the pool with a fourty pound cod, the bus driver, persuaded to take the trip instead of to wait with the bus, hooked into a thirty pound cod. When bluefish invaded the area and took clam baits, the group switched to diamond jigs and bailed blues. Some sea bass and flounder rounded out the catch.

Port Jefferson Station resident John Girolamo phoned in the results of the **Starship**'s Nantucket trip. Rough seas (12 feet) and strong tides made for tough fishing, with lots of lead needed to hold bottom. Pool cod was fourty-five pounds, caught by Ronnie Mandonolia. John won a pool with his fifty-five pound hake. A few ten to fifteen pound pollock were in the catch. Local cod (Block Island and Cox's Ledge) are showing a daily improvement according to a spokesman for the **Viking Fleet**.

On a whale watching trip, arranged by the Oceanus Foundation, an extraordinary number of right whales were sighted. Scientists believe that only one-hundred of these whales remain in all ocean waters. At one point in the trip five were sighted at once, remaining with the boat for five hours. This sixty foot or larger whale is of Moby Dick fame. Many dolphin were also seen. Oddly enough, most sightings of these ocean mammals took place on Captain Forsberg's normal Georges Banks codfish grounds. More whale watching cruises will be scheduled because of the stupendous success of this first one.

Edelman's Lou Rosado reported on a showing of fluke in local Montauk waters. Fishing on the "Bullet" with Howard Kalka, Frank, Bob and "Codfish" Cathy, sixteen fluke to seven pounds were caught.

Watch Long Island Fishing this week on WLIG-TV, channel 55, on Friday at 7:30 pm. This week, Lorry Mangan will feature videotape of a giant tuna caught on the Montauk based charter boat **Joy-Sea**. Channel 55 can be seen with or without cable, (except Cablevision).

SOUTH FORK

Chris Salb claims that porgy catches remain very good from the Cedar Point (Bouy 6) area, close to **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor**. Algae has not become a problem in the area, in fact, over the weekend, there was three foot visibility in the water. Chris heard of many fluke caught at Gardiner's Island, best spot being at the northeast end, between the Ruins and Gardiner's. Blackfish remain steady at Plum Island. Lots of small (cocktail size) blues around. Best spots include Crow Shoals, South Ferry and Jessups Neck. A few weaks were also included in the catches at Jessups. Umbrella rigs produced well.

Plenty of fluke in the Shinnecock Canal, according to Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, only problem is that most are shorts. A good catch of flounder was made on Sunday at Shinnecock's Bouy 20 by two anglers using red dyed clams, fourty-three decent size flatties were caught. Try serious fluking this weekend at Gardiner's Island, near the Ruins. Bluefish abound in Shinnecock (ocean), at Gardiner's Island and Jessups Neck. Offshore at the Fishtails, bluefin and yellowfin tuna were caught this week.

The **Wilhelric II** is in the shipyard for Coast Guard inspection. Captain Artie Lach will resume fishing on June 21st, with fluke and porgies on the menu.

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South Shore REPORT

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Mother Nature conspired to make this past weekend one of the more forgettable of the season for anglers. A mixture of wind, rain, fog and rough seas severely restricted angler effort. There was little in the way of offshore reports, which was to be expected. Inshore, excellent flounder fishing in Moriches Bay provided the brightest spot and bluefish remained in good supply throughout the area.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

From **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** in East Moriches, Donna reported excellent flounder fishing this week and weekend at buoys 29 and 32. Catches ranged from 40 on up per boat, with good sized fish making up the catches. On Sunday, Peter Vacarro checked in with a 2 lb. 13 oz. flattie taken at buoy 29. Only two boats fished Saturday's deluge and both did a bang up job. Donna added that a couple of decent fluke are now being taken, with the larger fish concentrated near buoy 27.

"The weather stunk, but the fishing was great," according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches. Both quantity and quality highlight the current flounder run which has been taking place between buoys 29 and 39. Both blood or sand worms fished three hours before and three hours after high water result in the biggest scores. As we spoke on Monday morning, a boat returned to the dock by 10:30 AM with over 100 flatties to 2½ lbs. Most of the catch averaged 1 lb. in size. On Friday, Mike and Lee Murto and Ben White broke the 100 fish mark. Gary noted that fluking has improved in the bay, particularly near buoy 23 where 1 out of every 3 or 4 fish is a keeper. Some bigger fish in the 3 to 4 lb. class checked in over the weekend fromk buoy 38. Spearing or sand eel and squid combos is the ticket. Loads of 2 to 3 lb. blues continue to roam the bay with the best action in the early AM or evenings.

Captain Ron Schleuter of the Moriches **Alma Fleet** said that the open boat **Alma III** enjoyed excellent flounder fishing all week at buoys 29 and 31. Catches ranged from 15 per angler and up with Tuesday's high hook putting away 72 flatties in a trip shortened by poor weather. On Friday, the skipper's daughter Denise Schleuter put away a 3 lb. flattie. The charter boat **Alma** sailed on Saturday with Cub Scout Pack 121 headed by Gail Ricciadino. The youngsters ended the day soaked but thrilled with an exceptionally fine catch of flatties.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Over at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue Paul Graniello reported lots of short fluke and some eels from the local docks in Patchogue and Blue Point. The small blues appear to have moved out of the range of pier anglers. Crabbing now good in all the creeks

using traps or lines with bunker baits. Some fluke showing on the north side of the bay as one customer on Sunday reported taking 4 keepers off of Bay Port. Also some fluke reported on the east side of the Smith Point bridge along with some small blues to 3 lbs. Weakfish action in the bay has faded, but a few continued to be picked by persistent anglers. An 11 lber. was checked into the store Friday morning. It was taken at Ocean Beach. Offshore action was hampered by rough seas and fog. Those who ran and reported back, found no sharks but lots of big blues 25 miles off the beach.

Over at **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale, Al Colban reported tough fluking inside the bay and inlet with shorts predominating. Better fishing has been found outside the inlet east to the pound nets, but rough seas on the weekend kept anyone from sampling this action. Blues are all over the bay with some even being taken from the dock at Bay Shore Marina in the early morning hours prior to the ferry traffic. Still some flounder in the Sore Thumb pocket and a few weaks continue to be picked at West Island and the Lighthouse. Offshore action was wiped out on the weekend, but lots of big blues were reported by shark hunters during the week.

According to Jim Romano of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in East Islip, the poor weather drastically reduced fishing activity in the area. Fluke were taken east and west of the RM bridge, but most were shorts. Weakfishing slowed to a crawl on the weekend with no fish reported since midweek. Blackfishing has tapered off but sharpies continue to do okay and small blues remain thick throughout the bay and inlet. Use 007 jigs with red or white tubes. The Sore Thumb remains the best bet for flounder.

Over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in Bay Shore Carl Miller said weakfishing was pretty good up until Wednesday with a numbe of boatmen putting away 2 or 3 weaks at a time. Carl reported looking over a good catch of blowfish earlier in the week. A customer returned from the lighthouse area with a bucketful of puffers taken on squid. Fluking continues to be dominated by shorts, although one customer did check in a 4 lber. taken during the week on a bucktail. Better fishing was found east of the inlet to the pound nets, but no one was able to work this area on the weekend due to a very rough inlet. Small blues continue to monopolize the bay and inlet and continue to provide dependable action for jiggers, trollers and casters. Biggest concentrations are from the lighthouse to the inlet. Fish of 8 to 10 lbs. were jigged in 100 feet of water this week near the NA buoy. Offshore action was wiped out by the rough ocean.

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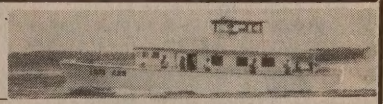

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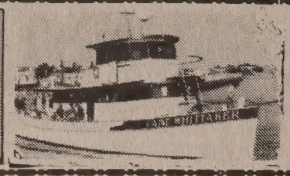

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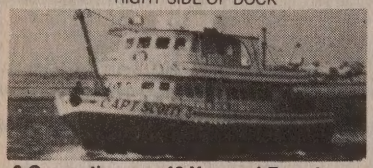

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but only a small percentage of keepers. He added that he's now sailing every night for blues at 7PM. Four to eight pound choppers have dominated this past week's catches.

Captain Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported fair fluking with lots of shorts and an occasional pool fish to 5 lbs. Fishing is being done in the state channel west to Gilgo and also at the inlet. Evening trips have been producing lots of blues along with an occasional weak after dark. The skipper has been working the inlet area for the blues. He also suggested that customers bring spinning gear to get the most out of these 1 to 4 lb. fish.

Speaking from his **Captree Bait and Tackle** shop, Noel Kauppauf spoke of lots of fluke under the right tide conditions (last half of the incoming) but the majority are shorts. Small blues still all over the bay and inlet—best early AM or evenings. Frank Bartolotti weighed in a 3.8 lb. sea bass taken on Sunday aboard the **Sea Ranger**. It was taken on the Fire Island ocean reef. Highlight of the weekend was a 12 lb. 7 oz. weakfish taken from the Robert Moses Pier on a bunker chunk by Jesus Rodriguez. Jesus also had a big tiderunner last weekend from the pier. Flounder and blowfish are being taken from the Moses pier, while decent flounder action and a pick of short fluke

continues at the Jones Beach piers.

Captain Bob Newbauer of the open boat **Miss Babylon** spoke of large numbers of short fluke from the Robert Moses bridge to the lighthouse. The skipper noted some improvement in the keeper ratio in the state channel between Amityville and Lindenhurst cuts. Sand eels and squid combos being used to take these fish.

Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon said that fluking improved during the week but took a dive on the weekend. Best fishing during the week was outside the inlet in 40 feet of water and in the vicinity of the pound nets with a keeper ratio of 50-50 outside the inlet. Shorts dominate the bay action with one out of five a keeper in the state channel. Tom noted the bay water temperature dropped three degrees after Saturday's rain. Back on Wednesday Tom joined Greg Nisito for a brief shot at flatties in the state channel. The pair put away 25 up to a shade under 2 lbs. Also on Wednesday, the BCA charter boat **Pooka** had a party of four put away 60 flatties in the Sore Thumb pocket. Again on Wednesday, Frank Losasso anchored atop the Fire Island ocean reef. Topping off a fair catch of sea bass was a 4 lber. as well as a lone 4 lb. porgy. That's one big porgy. Tom added that for the first time in a long time there was a good showing of blowfish at the Babylon Village dock. The only offshore news concerned the week when the Six D's reported an 85 lb. blue shark. The Cindy M returned from 190 feet of water with a box of big blues to 12 lbs., but no sharks.

George Stevenson reporting from **Babylon Fishing Station** sent word of the first mako for the Babylon Tuna Club. It was taken on Sunday in eight foot seas, 65 miles south of Fl Inlet by John Deak aboard his cannonball. The fish checked in at 217 lbs. and was paired with another of 213 lbs. taken by crew member John Petrillo. An 80 lb. mako was also taken and released. Inshore, weakfishing has slowed considerably. Ben Chameides did have a 12¼ lber. while his grandson accounted for an 8¼ lber. Fluking is dominated by shorts, particularly in the state channel and at the inlet. Some improvement in size has been noted by anglers working Dickerson channel.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Bob Myers said that the best bet for fluke has been outside the inlet from the bell buoy to the pound nets where one out of two fish are keepers. Fishing inside the bay is plagued by loads of shorts. Flounder are still in the Sore Thumb pocket on bloods and sands and heavy chum. Blues from 10 to 15 lbs. were reported at the NA buy early in the week, while 1 to 4 lb. choppers continue to roam from West Channel to the inlet. Mornings and evenings are best with small tins, jigs and poppers taking the fish. Weaks still being picked in West Channel during the week, evenings and early mornings with sand worms or jelly worms. Not many being taken but those that are range from 10 to 13 lbs.

Over at **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague Chester Shew had an impressive catch to report though it was imported from the north shore. It seems Jim Shaffer of Charlie's Bait and Tackle fame and Tom Kubicke worked two spots in Long Island Sound on Wednesday and played them to the tune of 20 flounder to 3 lbs. and 60 blackfish including a monster bulldog of 17½ lbs. which was weighed on a hand scale. Aware that the all-tackle record for blacks was over 20 lbs. and that his heavy line would exclude him fro any line class records, the fish was never officially weighed. It was unceremoniously filleted. Little did Jim know that his fish exceeded the current state record of 16.3 lbs. by well over a pound. The pair fished off of Shoreham and Old Field Point. In general, Chester reported a lean weekend due to the weather. Pat Cohen had 6 fluke, all shorts in the state channel at Cedar on Sunday and small blues continue to be the saving grace as they are all over the bay and inlet.

"Nothing great to report as a result of the weather" according to Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor. Bob spoke of a lot of fluke taken during the week but few keepers. In fact, some reported catching 15 shorts to every keeper. Blues of 1 to 3 lbs. continue to clog the inlet and flounder are still available at

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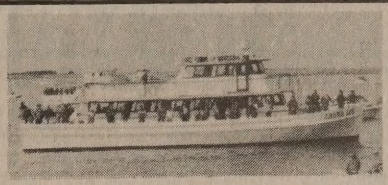

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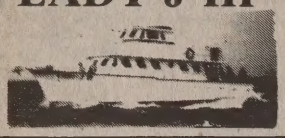

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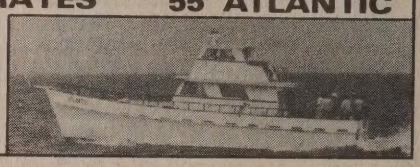

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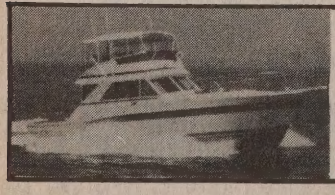

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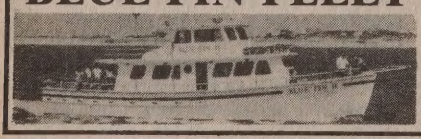

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the Sore Thumb. Weaks have slowed but a couple of fish continue to be picked near West Channel. Small fluke and a few crabs being taken by the crowd at the Tanner Park dock.

The word from **Edelman's** in Farmingdale, revealed a lot of blue shark action during the week. Frank Pristera reported most of the action in 140 to 160 feet of water southeast of the inlet. Weekend sharking was seriously hampered by the weather. The crew aboard J.C. Hooker banged its way 20 miles off the beach on SUnday and returned with 25 blues from 14 to 16 lbs. They ran southeast. On Sunday, Nancy Klopp had a squid and killie combo inhaled by a 12½ lb. weakfish while fluking on Sunday near the RM bridge. Richard Ferri copped first place honors in the South Shore Fishing Association's May Flounder derby while Michael Nugent earned top spot in the weakfish division.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Those out fishing this week certainly had enough action on their hands, despite a couple of days of almost unfishable weather. Ocean bottom was quite active on the wrecks, flounder in the holes and around the bridges continued to be quite decent. The fluke action is second to none although there have been tons of throwbacks, yet enough keepers around to virtually guarantee some nice meals. While blackfishing has taken a bit of a downturn, sea bass on the inshore wrecks have been quite decent. Bay blues have been blitzing inlets and main channels while super bluefish catches are being made off the Jersey and Staten Island coasts.

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We hear from **Lon Wanser Tackle** of very decent flounder catches at the third Wantagh, Big M and black banks on worm and clam, while the fluke action, midgets included has been strong at Four Corners, Massapequa Cove, Goose Creek, Sloop Channel and Haunts Creek, sand eels working best. Some weaks and stripers in the bridge areas on artificials and also on bait, but primarily when the water is quiet. Bay blues running to 4 lbs. storming the inlet areas at unpredictable times belting fluke rigs and small tins tossed at them.

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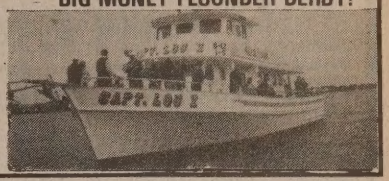

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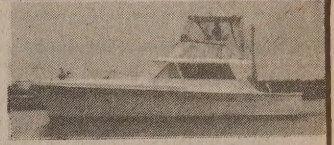

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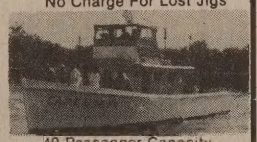

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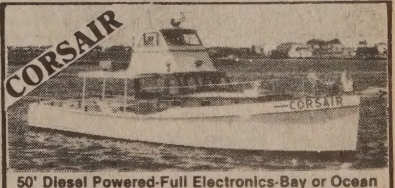

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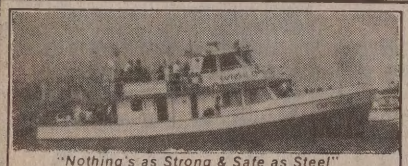

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We hear from Bobby over at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh about Allen Zeritsky and Joe Santangelo fishing on their boat Frenzy II decking 35 flatties from 1½ to 2½ lbs. in Sloop Saturday on bloodworms. Bob says the fluking has been excellent on spearing, squid and sand eels with a 30 percent keeper ratio. Bobby also spoke about the small blues invading the inlets.

Sailing out of Freeport, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** had very good bluefish catches Sunday with fish running from 3 to 7 lbs. being caught just below Farms at the Mud Hole. Diamonds did the trick to the tune of 15 to 25 nice fish a person. Please note that the boat will be night bluefishing at 7PM Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

A call from the charter boat **Capt. Gary II** told of Saturday's trip for Alexander's, Queens which had fluke on its mind. Frank Verga bagged a 3½ lb. pool winner, followed by Frank Sidmore and his 2¾ lber. Sunday's trip was for the Bellrose Fire Dept. Flounder were the target of the day and 32 was the body count for Fred Kleinsteuber. Tom McKeon took the pool with a 2¾ lber. with a 2½ lber. brought aboard by Peter Altman.

Bob at **Freeport Boatmen's Association** was happy to relate that all the association boats including **Super Spray II** joined in on the wild fluking action all this past week. The **Atlantic** and the **Fantasy** came back with very decent catches of keeper fluke, as did **Super Spray II** though they all had tales of tons of throwbacks, but super action. There was about a 20 percent keeper ratio on the fluke, all on the inside.

A call from the charter boat **Persuader II** told of Saturday's flounder excursion for John Gavin's NYCTA group, with fish 1 to 2¼ lbs. Jim took the pool. Heavy chumming was required, clam baits did the trick on an incoming tide. The skipper asked us to let you know that he has some choice open dates available for all upcoming species.

We hear from the **Captain Lou Fleet** that aboard the full day boat floundering was excellent all week long with fish to 2½ lbs. and high hooks into the 60s. On the half day boat sailing two trips daily, Lori Azaka and dad bagged 54 flounder on Thursday, the last day the boat sailed for flounder. Fluking began on Friday. Dennis of Brooklyn hoisted a 3 lb. 8 oz. fluke. Barry Wolder had 10 keeper fluke Saturday while Ron Gonzalez was happy with his 5 lb. 1 oz. pool winner. A 4 lb. pool winner

was caught by Mr. Roy of Merrick. Plenty of action said the skipper.

There were plenty of flounder caught aboard the **Capt. Andy II** on its two trip a day schedule this week. Jim Femmell had over 30 flounder on one trip Saturday. All fishing has been local in Swift Creek, around the bridges and off the CG Station. Sizes have been very nice, said the skipper. The boat's night bluefishing trips have been excellent at Cholera said Andy with two pals teaming up for 47 fish on bait and chum.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told of excellent fluking action but about a 16 to 1 keeper ratio. Skipper Sy Carlin said the area is infested wtih short fluke. Chris Johnson, a thoroughbred horse breeder from Lynbrook and Jack Conroy joined forces to bag a 4 lb. fluke which was the best catch of the week. Joe Feely and buddy Ira captured a 3 lber. while Dan Kelly was high hook of the week with 17 keeper fluke, followed by 14 keepers hoisted by Martin Chadwick. Flounder have been strong. Steve Starry was high hook and pool winner of the week with fish to 1½ lbs. Worms have been working best in local waters.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J III** and **IV** said that most of his trip had been for fluke this past week, catches containing lots of short fish but enough keepers to keep interest up. A flounder trip was made on Saturday with good results on worms. Sailed this week were Lumber HQ, the Joel Hannon group, North Merrick Fire Dept., the Joe cocco group, John Galasso group and the Pat Donohue party.

We hear from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** that Saturday's charter for Chemical Bank headed for fluke country and ended up with a decent catch of fluke to 2½ lbs. on squid and spearing. They worked Reynolds from Sea Dog to the railroad trestle in Long Beach and some back creeks. On Sunday the Oak St. Pub, Bellmore also headed for the fluke grounds and using the same baits and the same areas and also from buoy 17 to Duck Point had a decent number of keepers to 2½ lbs. Lots of throwbacks both days said the skipper.

Moving over to Pt. Lookout, we hear from charter boat **Marie III** that Tuesday's and Wednesday's trip were to various ocean wrecks. Tuesday's action was slow, but Wednesday's was a lot better with sea bass to 3 lbs., huge ling and some 2 lb. porgies. On Wednesday Courtney Fernandez was high hook with 38 fish. On Thursday teachers from Andrew Jackson HS had excellent fluke action working from the marina to Debs with catches of 10 to 40 fish a person with a 25 percent keeper ratio. The same keeper ratio was had on Saturday's fluking in the back of Baldwin. On Sunday, the Double T Fishing Club had good fluking also with a 15 percen keeper ratio. Nine year old Steve Delaney had 5 keepers out of 24 fish and 7 year old Kevin Delaney had 4 keepers out of 28 fish caught. High

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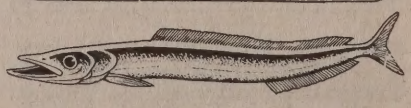

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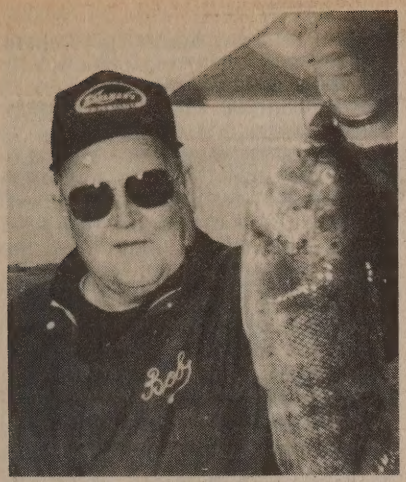

"Big" Bob Manning decked this fine blackfish last month aboard the open boat, Miss Point Lookout.

hook was 12 keepers and the pool was in the 5 lb. class. Both tides worked, anything except dead low, on fluke skin and spearing.

Aboard the **Capt. Al** this week, customers have been catching very well, particularly on sea bass and ling with a few blackfish mixed in. Fares have also been getting a lot of bluefish mixed into the catches, espcially on the weekend trips. Please note that the boat will be starting night bluefishing Friday night at 7PM.

From Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** we learn that the boat has continued flounder fishing all through the week and weekend due to the hot flattie action. The skipper advises you to call before coming down for this weekend to find out for sure whether they'll be sailing for flounder or fluke. On Saturday's AM trip, regular Ben Hefter bagged a 2 lb. pool fish. On the PM trip, Floyd Cohen took the pool. Sunday AM Bob Zupka had a 2½ lb. pool winner and on Sunday's PM trip, Irv Kretzner was pool winner.

Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** said that the skiffs out of her station had very good fluke action right through Sunday but with lots of throwbacks. Best areas were off the CG station and off the golf course in Reynolds on the north side. Thursday saw Carl Fry hoist 20 fluke to 4 lbs. with incoming being a little better. Flounder has taken an upswing as evidenced by Ken LaBarca, of Elmhurst who, with his son, boated 24 flounder with a lot of them over 2 lbs. Richie Hipp on Sunday had approximately 60 flounder, fishing with his crew, to 2½ lbs. Some blackfish to 7 lbs. at the Big M on fiddlers.

From Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** comes word of a pretty fair fluke week and weekend but with plenty of shorts. Saturday's results were very good said the skipper with 7 to 8 keepers a man average. Sunday was slower with all the boat traffic and the wind versus tide situation. Those who fished hard usually managed good results, and Clem says fish are all

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Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** told of very good fluking all week with his rental skiffs averaging 10 to 15 keepers per boat, fish in the 1 to 2 lb. range. He said there are twice as many throwbacks as there are keepers. Killie-squid combos and white bait seem to have been working best. The Duck Point area and across from the old high school, buoy 9 and the Magnolia Pier have been hot all week. Leadheads tipped with spearing have been very productive. Sharpies continue to get nice flounder in the buoy 5 area with chumming a necessity. Bay blues throughout Reynolds and big blues being livelined with bunker at the ABB.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook we also hear of loads of fluke in Reynolds between the inlets with the turns of tide the best on squid-sand eel combos. Flounder and blackfish seemed to have slowed down, says Charlie. He also told of two women fishing on the Capt. Al Friday night who told him that they had lots of big blues to 12 lbs. with most fish in the 6 to 8 lb. class, caught on bait on the bottom.

A call from Fred at **Cast-A-Way Tackle** in Franklin Square told of big blues at buoy 4 in Cholera on bait and chum. Small blues along the beaches usually found under birds. Reynolds has had a slightly keeper ratio on fluke this week between Jones and Debs. On the boat Something Fishy, Tom Tortoricci, Tom Contino and Bob Lucas totaled 15 keepers to 2¾ lbs. and 25 throwbacks Sunday in Jones. Weakfish being caught in Bayville and Hempstead Harbor on purple jelly worms and on sand worms. Flounder off the Jones Beach Piers.

NEW YORK BIGHT

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, the Wee Willie report from **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet tells of an 8 lb. 6 oz. doormat fluke taken by Mel Tereiria. In general, the fluking has been fair in numbers and excellent i the size category. Bluefishing has been a very good item with smaller fish jigged during the days and larger fish responding to bait and chum under the stars. Blackfishing has been slow, but the slack has been taken up by sea bass off the Jersey coast.

Now docked at Pier 1, is the new charter boat **Daybreaker**, a 32 foot JC and the skipper says that he's got plenty of choice dates for '86 available. See ad for details.

Skipper Al Coley of the new **Betty W. IV** has been having excellent catches of bluefish locally and at the Slew, fish daytime falling to diamonds and at night to bait and chum. Fish are running 4 to 15 lbs. and Al says they are in super abundance. He says his plans as of now are to be going for the big choppers offshore.

We hear from Capt. Butch of the

Zephyr of very good fluking this week, fares bagging up with catches of 15 to 40 keepers ranging up to 4 lbs. Saturday and Sunday, with the weekend definitely being the best catching part of the week. Frank DeLuca fishing both days of the weekend had nearly 100 keepers to his record. Fishing has been local on spearing and sand eels.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

A week of nasty weather hurt anglers chances during most of the period. Nevertheless there were still wall-to-wall bluefish on the Sound and a good assortment of other spring and summer species tallied at most stations.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** insisted that the blues were hitting everything including broom handles. Plugging and casting produced cocktails while trolling produced a mix of sizes. The Long Island side of the Sound was good for fluke while flounder fishing was still "unreal" near Milton Harbor and off the NYAC.

John DiCuffa said that "you can walk on 'em" when asked about local blues. Flounder were pretty good off Larchmont and Harts with some big bass taken on drifted worms. There may be about two more weeks of tautog with some fish to ten pounds still reported. Walter Fischer still has the best of the season, an 11.12, and Santa Claus had sixty blacks off Norwalk on green crabs.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** mentioned a member of the "Over the Hill Gang" who got lost early Sunday morning in Hempstead Harbor fog. Fortunately, he'd already boated and released a thirty pound bass, taken on a drifted bunker. Poppers, tins, and swimmers were a good bet for the blues.

The **Klondike VIII** was running only a short distance from the berth in New Rochelle for blues from two to ten pounds. Fishing ranged from torrid to picky depending on the day of the week.

Dom Cerbone was fishing rough patches in ten to twenty feet of water with the **Apache** out of **City Island** and scoring on good numbers of tautog to ten pounds. On Sunday Harry Gutman had an outstanding haul of fifteen blacks plus nine keeper flounder, his biggest tautog weighed

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Worms and Nordic Eels were the ticket for a few weakfish off Marshall Field, according to the Cedars at **Huntington Prop**. Lee Allen had a mess of huge porgies topping two and a half pounds off Bouy 6, Centerport. Some of the blues weighed at the shop were nearly twelve pounds, too. Cocktails are choking the harbors, "right up to the ramps".

Although fishing effort was down due to the weekend's weather, a four and a half pound fluke was brought into **Greenlawn Bait and Tackle** on Sunday. The fish took a bucktail squid combination presented by Neil "the Dutchman" at Sand City. Neil also caught a few blackfish on green crab at Eaton's Neck.

Bowman's said that bluefish were all over, under the blues were weaks. Fluking inside Northport Bay was a good bet, and there were still tautog around Valley Grove, close to shore. Best tautog of the season was an 11.0 taken last week. This report courtesy of Janet Bowman.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** felt that tautog were still strong off Cranes and Old Field with nice fluking around Flacks Pond and the Pink House at the top of the outgoing. There were a number of fish five pounds and up in those pods of summer flatties, too. The best weaks were above eight pounds, but it was certainly "no bonanza". Loads of blues were around, however.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** personally sampled the local fluking in the stiff breezes on Wednesday. He had nineteen summer flatfish to six and a half pounds on shiner-sandeel-squid combinations. Nick Christoforus had an incredible day with scup off Rocky Point on Friday. He ran into a pod of large fish with one enormous four and a half pounder weighed at **Ralph's**.

"It's the whole routine", commented Stan Hentschel at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. Huge porgies were under the blues at the Pink House and small jigs like 007s were excellent lures for the jumbos. Fluking off Miller Place beaches was "good but not fantastic". Weaks were under blues where ever you found them.

Frank Ingargiola of the **My Yacht II** called to detail some excellent fishing for tautog off the Shoreham pipe on greens and fiddlers. Blackfish sizes in thirty to thirty-five feet of water were three to seven and a half pounds, and some sea bass and scup were mixed on soft baits, too. Fluking was picking up as well. Richie Ingargiola managed a six and a half pounder in mid-channel, and fish ranged in size from 2.12 to four pounds on most days. Ingargiola reminds us that he's now running as an open boat

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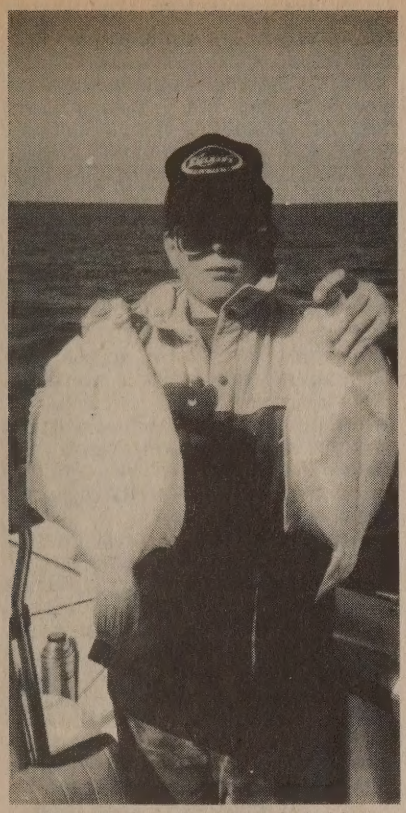

Christopher Yackel of Selden with flounder to 3.12 pounds taken from Long Island Sound near Mattituck on April 29. Subscriber Photo.

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A late call from George Valentine of **Four Winds** proved that the Huntington Anglers Picnic was a huge success with a twenty-six to four softball game won by the Mud Hens (?). Josephine Alise had a pending IGFA world record weakfish in the Women's four or six kg line classes. Her tiderunner, taken Tuesday evening on a Bomber, went 13.11. Tautog were stacked off the Center Island reef and there was some fine fishing for scup in Northport Bay around Bouys four and six. Some of these fish went one and a half pounds. Fluke were building, and blues, of course, were measured by acres and tons around Lloyds and Eatons. If you get under the blues and around the bass you had "a tick of weakfish", too.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warrens** figured that the Northville pipe was still the best spot in the area for tautog and he was rather gloomy about fishing in the western Peconics. Sal Loria felt snakebit by the weather and sent few boats out of **Captain Marty's** during the week. Those who sailed in Saturday's rain took a beating, too.

There were weaks at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** according to Charlie Caraftis. Fish to eleven pounds were taken off the Firing Range in a catch of scup and four weaks took high hook worms as well. Blues were pushing the porgies around, but blackfish were holding well at Coopers. There were plenty of bluefish from Mattituck Inlet all the way west to the pipe and Roanoke, according to Ron Petersen at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station**. Fluking seemed to be waiting in the wings as well.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** like the action on weakfish between Dering Harbor and Hay Beach during the morning and evening tides. Bay porgies were still missing, and brickyard weakfish were now a pick. However, bluefish have broken out at Cedar Beach Point, and the **Boanne II** has found some consistent fluking off Bouy eight.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** weighed an 8.11 fluke for Jan Raphaelson from the red can off the Greenport breakwater on Thursday, but figured that blues and weaks were the best bets. She figures that Hortons is about due to come alive for fluking, too.

The **Brand X** hasn't been sailing on night trips, and Dave Brennan's **Peconic Star** sat out the weekend in the rain and fog. Dave did have a super mixed bag of fish from out east

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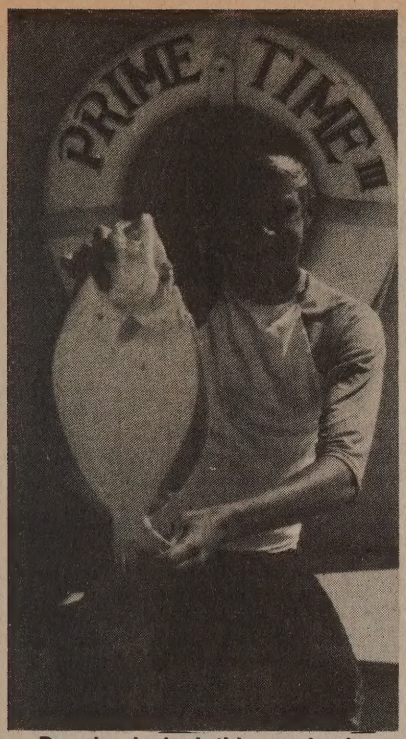
Bob Ceglowski's **Captain Bob** out of **Mattituck Inlet** has enjoyed some fantastic bottom fishing on scup, tautog, and sea bass at points west of the inlet in thirty-five to fifty-five feet of water. Fishing in the IGFA twelve pound line class, Lorry Mangan had twenty tautog on Thursday with her largest a nine and a quarter pounder. Some of the scup in recent catches have pushed three pounds, too! Al Soden (who gives his age as four score and more) filled one and a half buckets with scup, mostly averaging one pound, several two and a half to three pounders. Lou and Robert Fontana combined their catch with Charlie Biederman and quit counting their porgies when they hit one hundred.

Larry Ciccotto called to say that the Gardiner's flounder fishing on the **Prime Time III** was "as good as ever" with most days good ones. High hooks ran as high as twelve to fifteen with the best fish of the week John Rainis' nineteen and a quarter inch, three and a half pounder. The only day that was poor the whole week was Thursday. The boat plans one more week of flounder pounding, than a shift to fluking next Saturday.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Before getting into our usual round of surf reports, there are two items which deserve attention from the surf fishing fraternity. First up, is a proposal by Southampton Village to acquire the parcel of Suffolk County parkland located on the east side of Shinnecock Inlet. Apparently, the village has already received approval from the county to place the purchase on a ballot to be voted on by village residents next Tuesday. Without getting into a lot of detail at this time, let's just say it might be prudent for anyone concerned with the loss of this prime fishing and recreational area to county residents, to contact their county legislator or Legislator Gregory Blass who is the presiding officer of the County Legislature. Write him and express your concern and indignation that such valuable parkland may be surrendered for the paltry sum of $1.5 million to benefit a small number of local residents.You can write Mr. Blass at P.O. Box 911, Riverhead, NY 11901. It would also be prudent to let your feelings be known to suffolk County Executive Cohalan, who according to Southampton Village Attorney David Gilmartin has



Dennis decked this pool winning fluke during a late May trip aboard the Orient Point based open boat, Prime Time III.

given his support of the buy-out. The supervisor's mailing address is 9th Floor, H. Lee Dennison Bldg., Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788.

On another matter, concerning the editorial on page 6, New Gilgo Access, Long Island Beach Buggy Association will be holding a work party this Saturday, June 14th to create a parking area at the Gilgo site. All willing hands should meet at 8AM at the site of the old Coast Guard Station (Gilgo Beach Access Site) on Ocean Parkway. You do not have to belong to LIBBA to lend a hand and most of these work parties find a good representation of members from Long Island's surf fishing clubs.

Now for some fishing news. Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** disputed reports of weakfish action at the Point last week. His stand was supported by several casters who fished the area in question at the time in question and they reported never having seen a fish. John did add that the weaks are due to show soon. There has been some school bass action continuing between Jones and False Bar. Tommy Sepp has been picking one or two fish a night on green Needledfish. They range up to 10 or so lbs. Small blues made a showing between Evans Rock and Jones reef during the evening. One caster did beach a 12 lb. chopper but that was an exception.

Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue had word from at least one surf regular that he had been taking some big blues on the east side of

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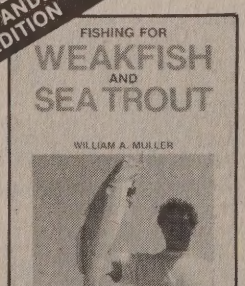

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Shinnecock inlet on tins and plugs He added that other casters accounted for quite a few fish as well. Once again, the bulk of Paul's reports concern north shore fishing. Newcomer Robert Jackson stopped in for some advice on Thursday prior to his trip to a Rocky Point beach Thursday night. He returned Friday morning to weigh an 11.5 lb. weakfish which he took on a Hellcat along with some small blues. He told Paul that most casters had at least a weakfish and some blues for their efforts. Patchogue fishing club member Ozzie van Helmond, who last year ran away with individual honors in the New York Surf Fishing Contest, is making big strides towards repeating his performance. His latest effort was a 23 lb. striper (released) taken on a green eel worm near Stony Brook. Fellow club member Gary Maher checked in with two weeks and Bob Anticci, on only his second surf outing had a school bass and a few small blues. All the action occurred Friday morning.

Bob Gerken of Selden, another neophyte to the surf game made a lasting impression on his tutor, Neil Sleuter Wednesday night into Thursday morning. Also working the Stony Brook area Bob used a blue back Hellcat to beach two weakfish in the 7-8 lb. range, a dozen bass to 10 lbs., and 5 small blues. All this on only his second surf trip.

Working our way west, Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon reported an 8.11 lb. blue taken by Long Island Surf Fishing Association member Richie (Toyota). Richie took the fish on bait at the Cedar Bar. There were reports of some decent blues and bass taken at the Bar on Monday and Tuesday evenings with some of the fish falling to white Polaris poppers and pencil poppers. Tom also had some North Shore news concerning a couple of weeks and some small bass action at Sunken Meadow on Wednesday night. He knew from another caster that Friday night was a stiff at Sunken Meadow.

Dan Kroeger of Douglaston used a mackerel fillet to take a 10 lb. blue at Jones Beach west end II on Sunday afternoon. He weighed the fish at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh. Bobby Turturello of Causeway, reported a few big blues being taken on bait in the early AM along with some short bass on plugs and tins. Most of the action has been out front west of the jetty.

A call from Joe Augeri of Gateway Striper Club revealed a 27 lb. striper taken on a live herring and released by fellow club member Thornton Booker on Sunday. Thornton took the striper from the Beach 66th jetty in the Rockaways. On Friday Jim McKay used a Bomber and a Hopkins to take bass of 13 and 15 lbs. from the Breezy Point jetty. He reported seein a number of other teen sized fish taken by other casters as well. Joe himself has been working the South Beach area on Staten Island. Last Tuesday he used a pencil popper to

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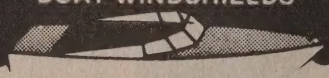

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take a 13 lb. striper. This Monday he fed a Danny plug to an 11 lb. bluefish. Joe reported a lot of school bass in the area from Great Kills Park to the VZ bridge. Small swimming plugs have been working best for most anglers. Some of the club's members continue to work Caumsett State Park on the north shore. Wednesday morning, Tony Lore beached 30 blues from 3 to 6 lbs. He also reported seeing some casters who had fished during the previous night leave the beach with weakfish on their stringers. On Saturday John Hansen worked his way around Lloyds Point until he found some fishable water due to the northeast gale. He used a Rebel plug to take a 10 lb. bass and a few small blues.

From George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** in Huntington came word of a 13 lb. 11 oz. weakfish taken on a Bomber plug and 8 lb. test by Josephine Alise Tuesday evening. Taken at Caumsett on 8 lb. test, the b big tiderunner is a potential world record in either the 8 or 12 lb. class categories. George added that there are still plenty of blues along the beach at Caumsett, Mackamah and at times Sunken Meadow. Small tins with tubes seem to work best. A few weaks still being taken as are fair numbers of school bass. He noted that boatmen are taking some big blues up to 14 lbs. on bunker in Huntington Harbor. He thought casters might like to know that the big choppers are around.

From **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Henschel had a couple of impressive weaks to report. Don Meola led the way with a 13.4 lb. weak while Richard Rainen scored with a 12 lber. Plenty of small blues along with an occasional weak along Rocky Point beaches according to Stan. Best bet for blues is early morning with small tin and tube combos.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Rain and high winds really put a damper on Saturday's black bass opener. With several fronts passing through the area over the weekend, anglers had mostly high and murky waters to work. The result was only scattered reports of action with Sunday the only real producer.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, George Cook reported fishing was pretty consistent before the rains came. Mill Pond and the

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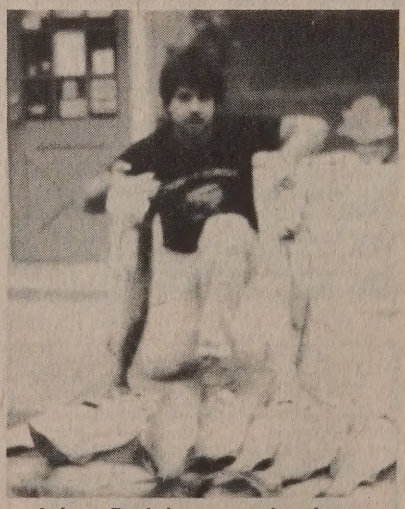

John Padalano took these weaks from a North Shore beach in the Stony Brook area on May 22. All were taken on Redfin and dropper combos.

Twin Lakes both produced small pickerel and bass on killie baits. Not much with carp or crappies.

At **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Farmingdale**, Fred Laager informed us that Peter Beltzer of Merrick clicked with bass of 4.8 and 3.2 pounds on night crawler baits and a Mepps spinner with a Mr. Twister tail in Forge Pond. Mark Farraugh used a fly rod and small poppers with rubber legs to take a few small bass and all the sunnies one would want from Millers Pond in Smithtown. Yellow poppers seemed to produce best for Mark.

John at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, called the opening day of bass season a "washout" for freshwater fans but did have some encouraging pickerel reports from Sunday's action. Jeff Klien and Jamie Smith teamed up to nail four pickerel and a few bass in the local lakes and Andy Felice nailed a 4.5 pound pickerel. Trout have quieted down since the weather has heated up.

Jim Romano of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** reported a seventeen inch largemouth for Jeff Schlageter of Islip on Friday. The youngster took the fish from Sherwood Lake in Islip on a nightcrawler.

According to George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, bass fishing has been very good when anglers can get out on the water. George asked me to let you know that if you plan to rent one of his skiffs to work the Peconic River over the weekend, it is a good idea to call ahead and reserve a boat. On Sunday, Bob Bliss fished Forge Pond and returned to weigh in a 4.13 pound bass which now leads the shop contest. George Devlin got a chance to leave the shop and work Forge Pond as well and he was good enough to nail a four pound pickerel.

Speaking of pickerel and Forge Pond, George Rose of Coram gave me a call on Sunday to say that he nailed a five pound pickerel on a strip bait. George also had a few carp to fifteen pounds from a local lake this week.

From upstate, Ken Josephson of **Crazy Cheif's Ski and sport, Hunter Mountain**, called to say that early in the week and into Saturday, all the fronts moving through really got the trout feeding. This, despite roiled water. Catch of the week was a seventeen inch brown trout taken on a C.P. Swing lure by Craig Hughes of Saddlebrook, New Jersey.

A call to Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** in **Rochester**, revealed two types of fishing going on in Lake Ontario. Offshore (five to seven miles) in over 240 feet to 400 feet of water, anglers are taking steelheads and big lakers while inshore, browns, steelheads and lakers are also being taken. The boats usually start near shore and move off if the action slows. Some days, both places produce. One of last week's charters produced a pair of fourteen pound browns for John Beerdoom and Nick Pero of Waterford Connecticut.

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SAT.	1:40	1:55	2:00	2:25	1:35	2:00	2:35	3:30	4:10	4:45	4:20	4:55	1:05	1:40	6/14
SUN.	2:00	2:30	2:35	3:15	2:10	2:45	3:30	4:15	5:05	5:35	5:15	5:50	2:00	2:35	6/15
MON.	2:35	3:25	3:30	4:15	3:05	3:55	4:30	5:10	6:00	6:30	6:10	6:40	2:55	3:35	6/16
TUES.	3:40	4:30	4:30	5:10	4:05	4:50	5:30	6:00	7:00	7:30	7:10	7:35	3:55	4:30	6/17
WED.	4:45	5:30	5:30	6:05	5:10	5:55	6:30	6:50	8:05	8:30	8:10	8:35	4:50	5:20	6/18
THURS.	5:50	6:25	6:30	7:00	6:20	6:50	7:25	7:40	9:10	9:30	9:10	9:30	5:50	6:15	6/19

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TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
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Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
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Babylon	+2 12
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Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	6/12	5:24	8:35
FRI.	6/13	5:24	8:36
SAT.	6/14	5:24	8:36
SUN.	6/15	5:24	8:37
MON.	6/16	5:24	8:37
TUE.	6/17	5:24	8:38
WED.	6/18	5:24	8:38

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	6/12	9:41AM	12:27PM
FRI.	6/13	10:48AM	—
SAT.	6/14	11:54AM	12:52PM
SUN.	6/15	1:02AM	1:15PM
MON.	6/16	2:11AM	1:37PM
TUE.	6/17	3:23AM	2:00PM
WED.	6/18	4:40AM	2:25PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/4	6/11	6/18	6/26

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	9:40	3:30	10:10	3:55
Fri.	10:30	4:20	10:55	4:40
Sat.	11:20	5:10	11:45	5:30
Sun.	—	5:55	12:05	6:20
Mon.	12:35	6:40	12:50	7:00
Tues.	1:15	7:20	1:30	7:45
Wed.	2:00	8:05	2:15	8:30
Thurs.	2:45	8:55	3:05	9:25

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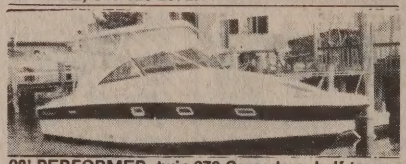

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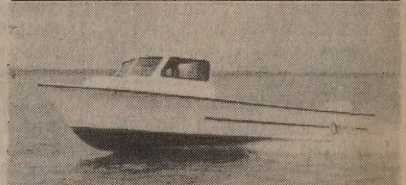

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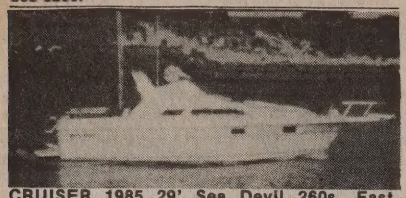

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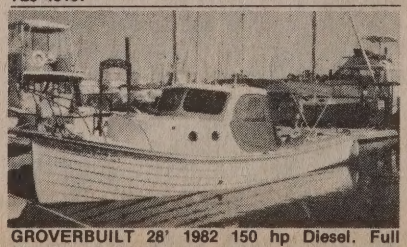

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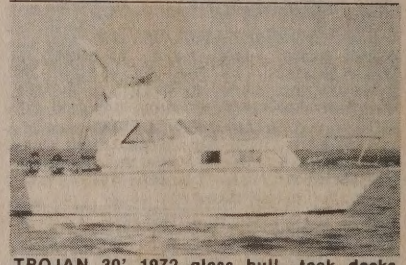

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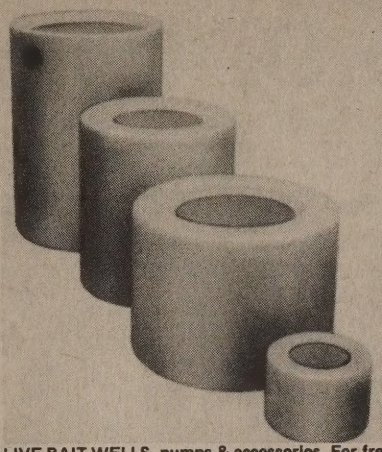

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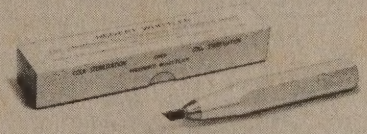

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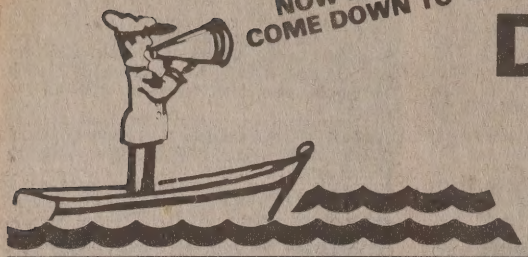

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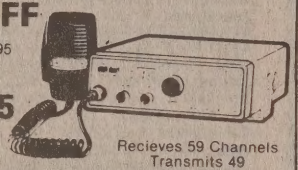

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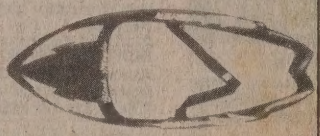

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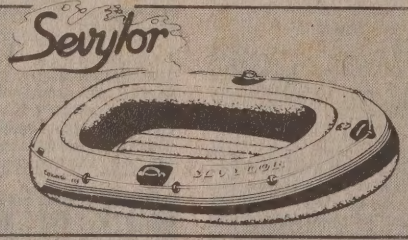

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